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JAPAN'S ONLY HOPE IS TO COME TO TERMS WITH GENERAL CHIANG KAI-SHEK

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

"IT IS CLEARLY apparent that it is impossible for Japan to settle the China Incident unless Tokyo agrees to come to terms with Chiang Kai-shek," declares the "Stuttgarter Neue Tageblatt" in an editorial-story which breaks the usual silence of the German Press on Far East affairs.

"Japanese public opinion is tired of war, but would never accept a solution equivalent to an abandoning of the policy of a 'New Order in the Far East.'

"To desist from building a new China would mean that 100,000 Japanese had sacrificed their lives vainly.

"The new Wang Ching-wei Government and Yonal's Cabinet are uncertain and purely transitional attempts at a solution. The day will come when a more permanent set-up is required and it is that time that

young, revolutionary Japan is impatiently awaiting.

"In any case, the present year will bring to Japan the most important events.

U.S. PRESSURE

"The United States is bringing very strong pressure upon Tokyo and has put as a prerequisite to a renewal of the commercial treaty conditions such as the complete evacuation of Japanese troops from China and even Manchoukuo's restitution to China.

"The United States is also attempting to impose on Japan the obligation not to ally herself with Russia, which would be tantamount to an alienation of Japanese liberty.

"The seriousness of the situation is known in Tokyo but the Japanese still hope that a sudden change in American opinion or another miracle will remedy the situation."—Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST.—North East winds, from cloudy generally, some drizzle or mist.

RUSSIA AND GERMANY IN NEW PLOT?

New York, To-day.
Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler said yesterday that on the basis of reports he had received from correspondents abroad, Russia and Germany may join forces and occupy and partition the Balkans in the next few weeks. He was not certain what Italy's action would be if this happens.—Reuter.

FRENCH MISSION IN FINLAND

Helsinki, To-day.

A French military adviser from the French Army arrived in Finland yesterday, while Finnish aircraft were carrying out extensive raids on Soviet positions.

He is a special envoy from General Gamelin, and while the exact nature of his mission has not been revealed, it is assumed that it is in connection with the French pledge to give Finland all possible aid short of military intervention.

He is carrying a special message from General Gamelin to Field-Marshal Mannerheim, who is at his "headquarters somewhere at the front," directing operations. Simultaneously with his arrival, quite large fleets of Finnish bombers carried out attacks against railways, roads and concentration centres immediately behind the isolated points where the Soviets have denied the Mannerheim Line. — Reuter.

NORWAY APPEALS TO PUBLIC OPINION

Oslø, To-day.

The Norwegian Foreign Minister, in saying that Norway might appeal to the League or any international court over the Altmark affair, added that in either case they felt sure that the violation of neutrality to which they had now been exposed would be judged by public opinion in all countries.—Reuter.

TELEGRAPH BOY WINS \$85,000

It is learned that the second prize in the Derby Sweep was won by a messenger employed by the Great Northern Telegraph Company.

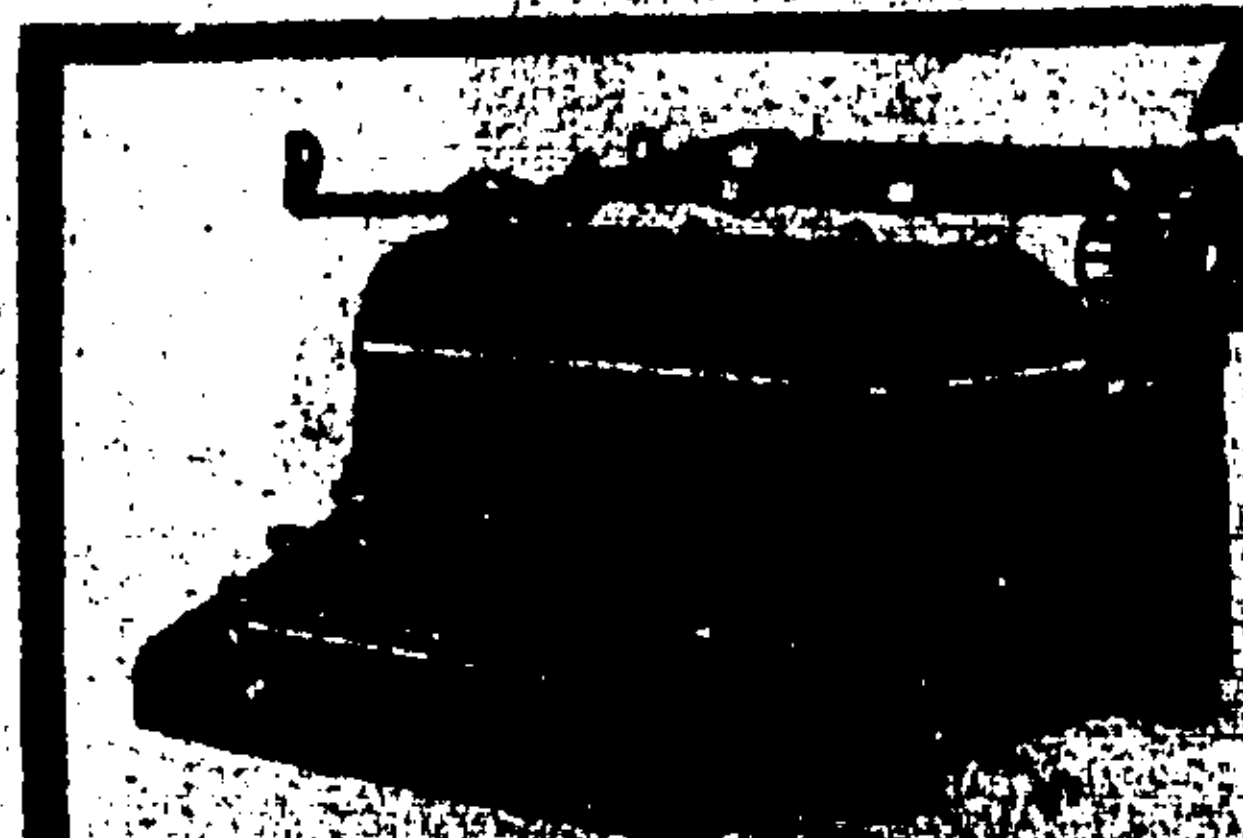
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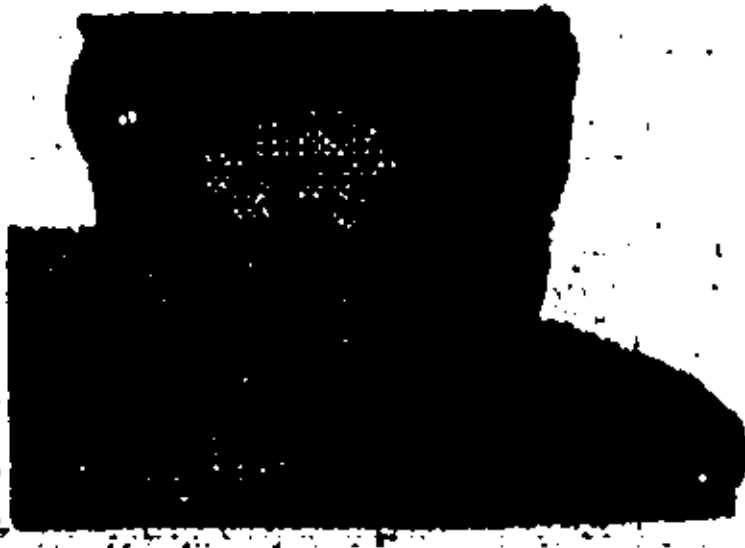
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Paris, To-day.

WHILE OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION is still lack-
ing, the French wireless commentator reports
that about 20 men were killed when a French
patrol in the German lines was ambushed and
machinegunned.

The ambush is described as the most serious recon-
naissance incident since the war.

The incident occurred in the early morning, when
the troops were operating behind the German
lines.

Intent on the collection of informa-
tion the patrol was suddenly raked by
a burst of automatic fire, and nearly
20 fell at the first onslaught before
they could begin to fight back.
With the onset of milder weather
there has been a noticeable increase
in German reconnaissance activity.

MOSELLE RAID

The Germans yesterday morning
raided a French outpost east of the
Moselle after a thorough artillery
preparation but were driven back.

At dawn yesterday French and Ger-
man patrols stumbled into contact and
exchanged shots without definite re-
sult.

German aircraft made four flights
over north-eastern France.

THE COMMUNIQUE

Last night's French communique
says that to the west of the Saar a
German detachment tried to approach
one of the French posts and was
driven back with losses.

There was resumed firing from
casemates on the banks of the Rhine.
— Reuter.

TOUR OF R.A.F. UNITS

LONDON, TO-DAY.

CAPT. HAROLD BALFOUR, UN-
DER-SECRETARY FOR AIR, LAND-
ED IN ENGLAND YESTERDAY ON
THE CONCLUSION OF A 10-DAY
TOUR OF R.A.F. UNITS IN THE
NEAR EAST AND MIDDLE EAST.

The tour involved flying a total
distance of about 7,000 miles and
covered Egypt, Iraq, Trans-Jordan
and Palestine.

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tive statement, pilots and pupils un-
der instruction from Canada, South
Africa, Australia, New Zealand and
Rhodesia, as well as from Great Bri-
tain, were met scattered throughout
the commands. High morale, good
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conditions, and keenness on technical
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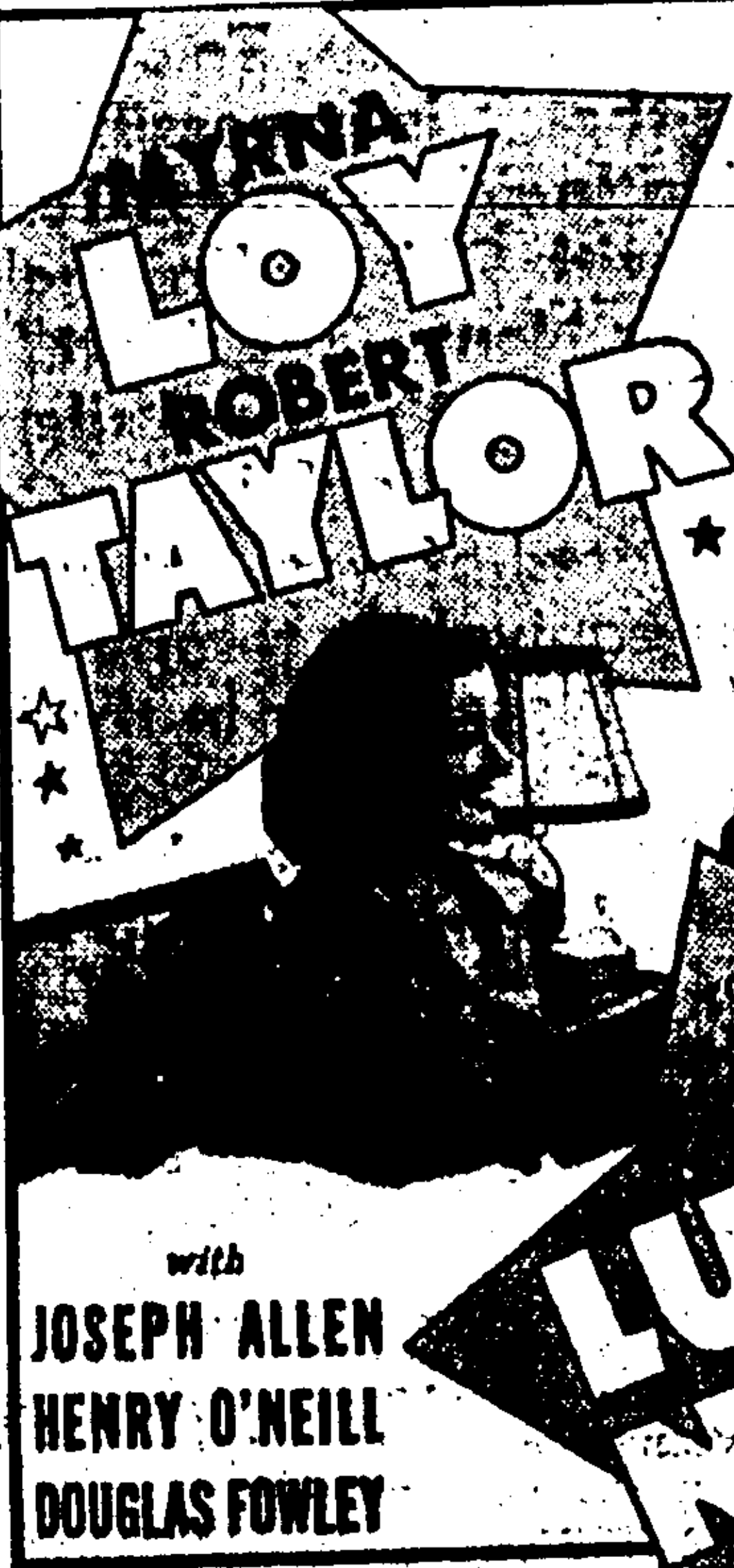
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ALTMARK DEAD BURIED

OSLO, TO-DAY.
SIX OF THE SEVEN GERMAN SAILORS KILLED ON THE ALT-MARK WERE BURIED AT JOSING FIORD YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, THE GERMAN MINISTER IN OSLO ATTENDING THE CEREMONY.

The Altmarm, which is still stuck on the mud, flew her Swastika flag at half-mast.

Her propellor and rudder are believed to be damaged and the local people say that it may be some time before she can be refloated.

Norwegian marines are guarding her and the German sailors who fled ashore have returned from the shelter of the German consulate.—Reuter.

GERMAN MINISTER ATTENDS

The seamen were buried at Sogndal, a small neighbouring village. The German Minister and other German officials, with part of the Altmarm's crew, stood to attention while the coffins were brought ashore.

A detachment from a Norwegian warship paraded ashore and over 70 motor-cars followed the coffins to Sogndal.

The vicar of the German Church at Oslo officiated at the funeral and short speeches were made by the German Minister, the captain of the Altmarm and a captain of the Norwegian Navy.

The latter placed a wreath with Norwegian colours on the grave. Wreaths were also placed on behalf of Hitler and the German Navy.—Reuter.

GERMANS IN HEIYO MARU

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

San Pedro, To-day.

Forty sailors from German ships which have taken refuge in Mexican harbours have booked passages in the Heiyo Maru, which was to sail last night.

The sailors are attempting to return to Germany by way of Siberia.—Havas.

NAZI DENIAL

Berlin, To-day.

The captain of the Altmarm has denied all reports of the ill-treatment of the British prisoners, declaring that before leaving many of them thanked him for the good treatment.—Reuter.

BIG SWEEP GOES TO SYNDICATE

Luck yesterday brought employees in the Bakery Department of Lane Crawford's a fortune of \$297,920 — the first prize in the Derby Sweep.

Last year the first prize of the Derby Sweep went to members of an Amah Syndicate in Kowloon which had also won the first prizes in the three previous big sweeps.

Among 75 Derby Sweep tickets, purchased by a syndicate organised by members of the Bakery Department of Lane, Crawford's, was the lucky one — No. 132569.

The "China Mail" learned to-day that a \$1 share in the lucky ticket amounts to about \$3,900.

It is understood that the largest single holding amounts to some \$39,000.

It is reported that a group of 12 amahs won one of the other prizes in the same Sweep.

European members of the Bakery, Mr. C. J. Triggs and Mr. Peacock participated in the Syndicate. It is understood that each wins about \$39,000.

GERMANY QUIET ABOUT NORWAY

Zurich, To-day.

While the Altmarm incident is still the most discussed affair in Berlin there are no signs of direct complications arising between Germany and Norway.

The Nazi press continues its attacks against Britain but is careful to avoid criticising Norway.

The German spokesman does not deny that the Altmarm was an "escort ship" to the Graf Spee and that with British prisoners on board she entered Norwegian waters flying the Reich flag.

The spokesman declared that this was an absolutely fair and permissible action.—Reuter.

Two months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. E. Himsworth this morning on Tang Ping-mao, 27, for the theft of \$52 from a passenger at the Yaumati Railway Station yesterday.

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LAKE LADOGA DEFENDERS SAVE FINNISH POSITION ONLY WEAKNESS THE RIGHT FLANK

London, To-day.

THE RUSSIAN ADVANCE towards Viborg means that the Finnish right flank has been pushed back, and if the Russian attacks on the left flank north-east of Lake Ladoga had succeeded, the strategic position of the Finns would have been exceedingly critical, says Reuter's military correspondent.

It seems probable, however, that the Finnish defences in the latter sector are unshaken. Neither can there be a fear of further Russian action in the "wasp waist," and the 54th Division, and the Siberian ski battalion which tried to relieve it, lost so heavily that they will be unable to act in sympathy with other parts of the front.

Finland's weakness, therefore, is the right flank covering Viborg.

The Russians will have to undertake considerable preliminary work before they can stage the second stage of the offensive, and in this they are bound to be frequently interrupted by the Finnish air force, which is much stronger than it was at the outbreak of war.

18TH DIVISION NO MORE

A Finnish communique announces that the Russian 18th Division has now been completely destroyed north-east of Lake Ladoga. Eighteen thousand Russians were killed or taken prisoner.

Russian attacks between the Gulf of Finland and Vuoksen were repulsed, and the Finns claim victories south-east of Salmenkoita, where 31 guns were captured, and north-east of Lake Ladoga, where booty included 20 tanks, 38 heavy guns and 17 tractors.

Around Taipale the Reds attacked about midday and fighting continues.

AIR BATTLES

The Finnish air force on Sunday successfully carried out several reconnaissance and bombing flights over and behind the enemy's lines. Numerous air battles ended successfully for the Finnish machines.

The Russians were active in the war zone and in the interior of the country. They bombed many towns, destroying houses and killing and wounding a number of civilians.

The number of planes which flew over Finland during the day is believed to have been the highest on record. It is confirmed that 20 Russian planes were downed, and in addition it is believed four others were brought down.

During one raid, Soviet airmen tried to machinegun civilians.—Reuter.

TOWNS RAIDED

Helsinki, To-day.

Soviet bombers are attacking towns and centres far behind the fighting lines. Heavy anti-aircraft fire kept the bombers away from the centre of Abo in five raids; bombs started fires, however, on the outskirts.—Reuter.

ITALY TO CONTINUE INDEPENDENT ACTION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

Italy's determination to pursue an independent policy and to make sure "nothing is decided against or without her" is asserted in the newspaper *Telegrafo* commenting on the laconic tone of the official communique issued on the recent meeting of the Supreme Defence Council, namely, "Italy must be careful in the midst of an important clash of ideologies and empires."

—Havas.

DANES FIRE ON NAZI AIRCRAFT

Copenhagen, To-day.

An aeroplane with German markings flew over Danish territory in South Jutland yesterday. Danish anti-aircraft batteries opened fire on it, but the plane was apparently not hit.—Reuter.

GERMAN JEWS JOIN FRENCH

Shanghai, To-day.

It is learned that upon notifications from the French Consulate-General over 60 German Jewish refugees, who provisionally enlisted with the French fighting forces in Shanghai shortly after the outbreak of war, have reported to French headquarters here.

GREEK SHIP TORPEDOED

Madrid, To-day.

The Greek steamer *Elli* (1,100 tons) was torpedoed by a U-boat 60 miles off Cape Finisterre while on the way from Cardiff to Greece with a cargo of coal.

The crew of 26 took to the boats and the U-boat then completed the vessel's destruction with a second torpedo. A *Coruma* fishingboat saved the *Elli's* crew all of whom were taken to hospital.—Reuter.

SITUATION OF FINNS NOW EASED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, To-day.

While the Finnish victory north-east of Lake Ladoga has greatly eased the positions of Finnish troops on the Karelian Isthmus, the situation is still serious, reports a Havas correspondent at the Finnish Front.

The victory at Syskyjaervi came as a result, not of a pitched battle, but of infinite patience and endurance; the cost to the Finns was surprisingly few in casualties.

For weeks, the Finns attacked Soviet communication lines, disrupting supplies and not allowing reinforcements to reach the practically encircled Russians.

When the final drive was launched, the Soviet troops were worn out and put up a poor resistance.—Havas.

STATUS OF SMALL NEUTRALS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

The importance of the Altmark case cannot be overestimated, as it raises the whole question of the status of small neutrals which are unable to protect their neutrality.

Germany is constantly making use of Scandinavian territorial waters and will not stop at protests unbacked by force.

Government quarters are studying means to remedy this situation, while public opinion favours strong diplomatic or other action.—Havas.

MISS LEE YA-CHING'S AIR TOUR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York, To-day.

Miss Lee Ya-ching, China's leading aviatrix, has announced that on March 1 she will undertake an air tour of Central and South America and the West Indies, delivering lectures and collecting funds for Chinese war victims.

Miss Lee will pilot her own plane, which is to be named in Spanish "Estrella de China (Star of China)."

The trip is being sponsored by the American Bureau for Medical Help to China.—Havas.

PO KONG ROBBERY

Charged before Mr. J. H. Hingworth this morning with breaking into a house in Po Kong Village and stealing money and jewels, including to some extent, a diamond ring, Fung Ching, 37, and Leung Ching, 37, were sentenced to three months and two months hard labour respectively. They were arrested by the occupants of the room of the house.

FINLAND LOANDANGER

Washington, To-day.

Mr. Jesse Jones, Federal Loan Administrator, testifying before the House of Representatives Banking Committee, said that the Neutrality Act would prohibit the Export and Import Bank from granting a loan to Finland if Russia should declare war against Finland or if President Roosevelt decides that a state of war exists between them.

Mr. Jones expressed willingness to grant additional credits to Finland as long as she "is still fighting with a chance to win." — Reuter.

OFF THE RECORD

By Ed Reed



"Put down that paper and eat your breakfast."

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PROSPECT OF VICTORY

Where will Hitler strike?

Battle on land.

This is the sphere of warfare in which the Germans are supreme. This is where the tradition of the race, as well as the weight of mobilised men, gives advantage to our enemy.

And it is idle to pretend that a victory by the German army over the military forces of the Allied Powers could not be a decisive event in this struggle. It could, in certain circumstances.

We must therefore look at the array of forces on land with a close and even anxious gaze. What is the position?

The Germans will have 240 divisions of trained men to deploy on the Western Front by the spring of the year. When the swallows return and the buds burst on the branches this mighty host of warriors can be assembled behind the Siegfried Line.

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What is the size of the army that holds the Maginot Line? Many say that it is one-half of the force on the German side I know nothing of the figures, and I am not going to attempt an inquiry. But it is stated in French newspapers that, if battle breaks in the month of March the Germans will outnumber the Allied divisions by two to one.

That gives Hitler a big preponderance on the main front of war. But is the preponderance sufficient to give him the assurance of victory? Indeed not.

By
George Malcolm Thomson

Concrete and the machine-gun are worth many additional soldiers to a defending force.

Three to one, four to one, or maybe even five to one. That is conceded by experts as the superiority which an attacking force must possess if it is to have a prospect of success against prepared fortifications equipped with plenty of machine-guns.

And concrete and the machine-gun give us equality with an enemy taking the offensive. The war in the West is a struggle hot between generals but between a corporal and a sergeant. The corporal is Hitler, who built the Siegfried Line. The sergeant is Maginot, the Frenchman responsible for building France's line of defence.

Pill-boxes count for more than generals. Though in 1914 the commander cut a big figure, we are differently placed from that war.

Then we had at the head of our army a man who commanded a great deal of public attention. Sir John French. He was known to the public. He had a great reputation as a cavalry leader in the South African War. Besides, he had a measure of command which Lord Gort does not have.

Gort has neither the prominence nor the command. But as he is the leader of our soldiers in battle it is desirable that this general should be dramatised, popularised, made a figure in the eyes of the nation.

In the totalitarian States, where the Government is never so effective in waging war, the personality of the leader is always publicised. He is made, by propaganda, an exciting and inspiring figure.

But in democratic States it is not so. The military chief must win the attention of the people by his conduct of the war.

It may be said that there is no need to popularise our general, Lord Gort, because the Germans are baulked on the Western Front. If that is so, where will they turn?

Some people think that they will invade Holland and Belgium, by that method coming down upon a French frontier less strongly fortified than the front that faces Germany.

In addition, the Germans would secure for themselves new submarine bases to use against Britain. And they would establish airfields on Dutch soil enabling them to strike heavier blows at Britain.

That is the story. And a few weeks ago it was believed that this German attack was imminent. It did not take place. And Hitler never meant it to take place. The story was spread by the German propaganda machine to frighten neutrals.

The fact is that an attack on the Low Countries would bring Hitler more troubles than advantages. The British blockade would come down on those countries, cutting off the goods which at present enter Germany through their ports.

Germany would lose the Dutch agricultural production which is very important to her. If the Germans could establish airfields nearer us we would fly over Dutch territory to deliver our counter-attack on the German industrial regions.

And the Germans would have to deal not only with the weak Dutch army, but also with the much stronger Belgian army of 700,000 men, possessing excellent artillery and defending fortified positions.

And behind the Belgians there is now a strong line of defences, quite as strong as the Maginot Line.

If the attack on the Low Countries was a bad bet for Hitler last autumn, it is a worse bet for him now that this new defensive line has been built. He did not intend to deliver the attack then. He will not do so now.

Will he turn towards the East then, marching down through the Balkans?

This again would be a development in the war containing advantage for us. For the only point at which a German drive in this direction could become dangerous for us would be an attack on Asia Minor. And then we could count on the support of the Turks.

It would be our object to hold the crossing of the Bosphorus. The forward defences of this crossing are the Chatalja lines. There we should stand.

In a Mediterranean war, the position of Italy would be most important. But as Gibraltar, Suez and the Dardanelles are in the hands of the Allies and Turkey, their friend, the sea is controlled by us. It is a big Scapa Flow.

At Toulon, on the French coast, and Bizerta, in Tunis, was have access to bases. But the Germans can get down to the sea only with Italian connivance. They are in a worse position than in the last war when they controlled the Austrian naval ports in the Adriatic.

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But there is another area where the Germans can make an advance. The Baltic. Scandinavia. Hitler may be looking in this direction. If he invaded and conquered Sweden, he would seize valuable industrial and financial assets. He would get his grip on the Swedish iron ore mines.

It would be an easier enterprise for him than the Balkan campaign. His fleet commands the Baltic. And, by overrunning Denmark—no arduous task—he would be in a position to make a landing on Swedish soil.

The resistance of the Swedes would, no doubt be brave. But it would be unavailing, especially if a German attack in the south were supplemented by a Russian attack in the north, from Finland. The Swedes have good guns, but few airplanes and no tanks.

Hitler would gain a rich loot. Sweden must tempt him greatly. But if Sweden is his temptation, it may



This is the second of the brilliant series of articles George Malcolm Thomson has written for the China Mail.

The first article, yesterday, considered the question of manpower and supplies. Mr. Thomson's conclusion was: Ruling out an internal collapse in Germany, the war will end either by exhaustion or by a peace of negotiation. Whichever it may be, the Allies will be on top.

GREAT WAR SLOGAN REVIVED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

BERNE, TO-DAY.

THE GERMAN SLOGAN OF THE WORLD WAR, "GOTT STRAFE ENGLAND," AGAIN ECHOED IN BERLIN AS A RESULT OF THE ALTMARK INCIDENT.

The importance attached in Germany to the Altmarm incident is seen in the fact that the Wilhelmstrasse summoned foreign press correspondents when the Nazi spokesman stated: "The British Government is henceforth considered as a criminal."

The "Basler Nachrichten" foreshadowed German terroristic and unrestricted submarine warfare along the English coast accompanied by large-scale aerial warfare. Neutral nations will be warned that they are running great risks in approaching British coasts.—Havas.

CANADA'S STRENGTH

Ottawa, To-day.

Canada's combined military and naval air force strength has reached over 90,000, according to an announcement by the National Defence Department.—Reuter.

also be the burying-place of his ambitions

The moment that Britain decided to support Norway and give assistance to Sweden, the Norwegians, a sturdy people, would give our Navy the right to enter their ports. The Swedes would give us access to the Baltic. And there the striking power of our naval force would be effective.

In our Church, there is an injunction spoken by the minister on Communion Sunday, "He that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself."

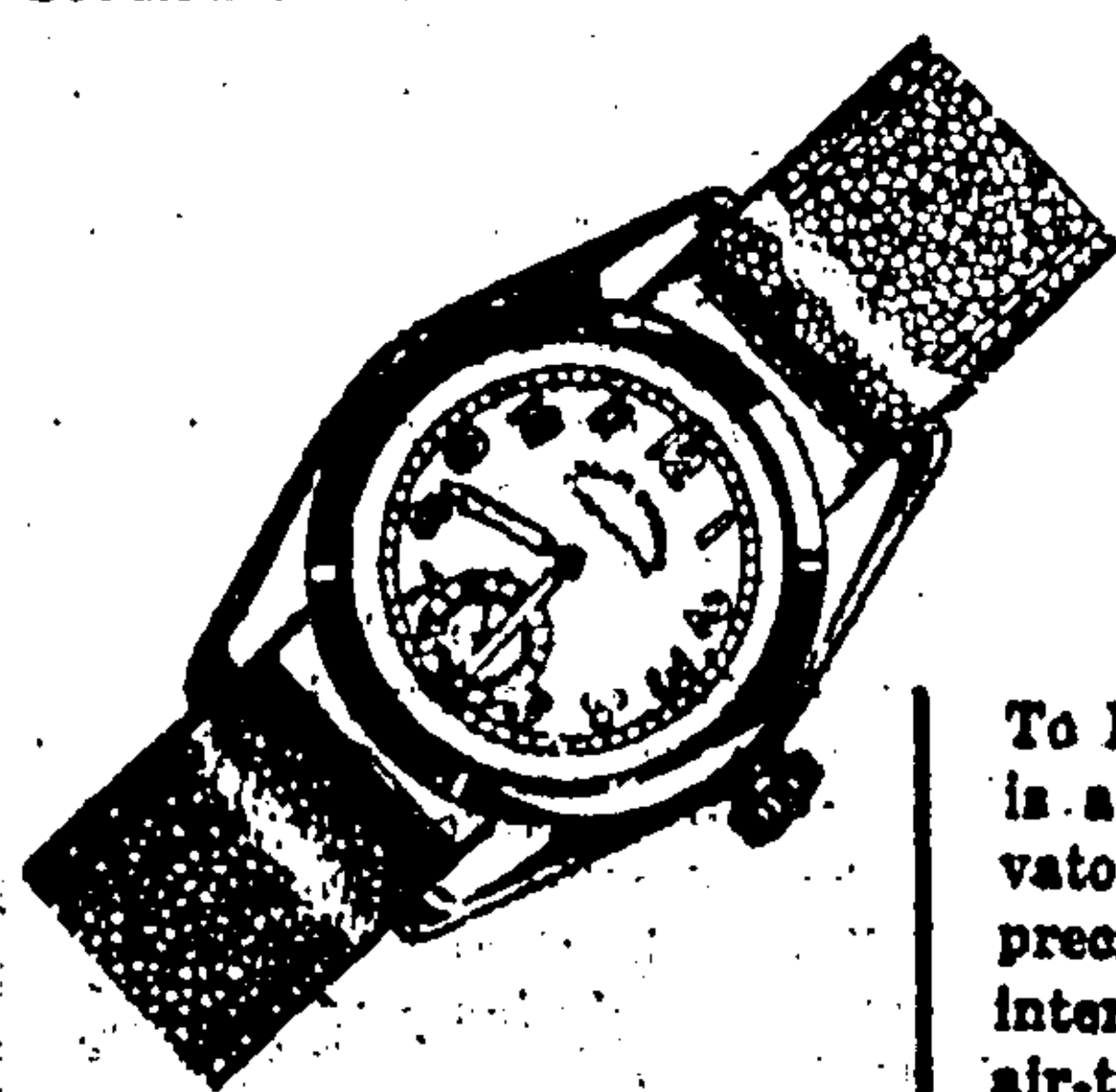
That can be applied to Hitler. If he goes into Sweden or invades Norway, he settles and determines his own fate.

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NEUTRALITY FAILED

American Jurists Support Britain's Action

GRIM HUMOUR OF THE ANGRY NAZI CRIES OF OUTRAGE

London, To-day.

SWEDEN AND DENMARK more or less support Norway's view of the Altmark incident, if their newspapers from any criterion, although they are not impressed by the frenzied outbursts of the Nazi press and radio.

Outside of these countries, the British action is felt by three noted American jurists to have been entirely justified.

Dr. Sellers, of the State University of Leydon (Holland) states that the Altmark was in Norwegian waters illegally and Britain was entitled to insist on a more thorough search. He does not feel that the British should have removed the prisoners themselves.

In America, the "New York Herald-Tribune" sees "grim humour" in the angry cries of outraged morality being vehemently emitted from Berlin. Germany, whose Nazi rulers make brute force a deity, tears up treaties, torpedoes neutral shipping, sows mines indiscriminately, etc., has had the tables turned on her in a relatively mild way.

NEUTRALITY FAILED

Both the "New York Herald Tribune" and the "New York Times" feel that Norway's neutrality failed when she overlooked the presence of 300 British prisoners on board.

In Paris, the French press are wholeheartedly behind the British in the Altmark case.

L'Oeuvre also warns the neutrals that they must not abandon their neutral attitude simply because Germany makes the most noise!

NAZI THREATS

There is, of course, a violent campaign seething through the German press and wireless over the Altmark incident, a campaign which has reached a pitch which bears very favourable comparison with similar campaigns against Czechoslovakia and Poland.

Coupled with this are vague threats that "Great Britain will have to pay for this" and more subdued hints to Norway that it will not be enough for her just to protest.

To support all this violent campaign, the Nazis have naturally invented all kinds of accusations.

FALSE ALLEGATIONS

One of these is that the Altmark was an unarmed merchant vessel. This allegation was repeated Sunday night in a broadcast to German listeners, although on Sunday afternoon an official spokesman had told the foreign press that she was a naval auxiliary.

Another is that H.M.S. Cossack opened her machine-guns on the Altmark's unarmed crew. This, of course, has no basis in fact.

The only violence shown was when the boarding party forced the captain away from the engine-room telegraph; he was still trying to sink Cossack.

Later, a British officer was shot and wounded and only then did the British open fire — after the armed guard from the Graf Spee had dashed ashore and themselves opened fire on the ship.

VARIED STORIES

Then again, Nazi accounts of the British search on the Altmark were varied. The first official broadcasts

said nothing about any British sailors on board. Later, it was announced that a few British sailors were on the Altmark; no indication was given as to how many, and indeed, from the official broadcast, one might be forgiven for thinking they were only tourists.

Finally, it was announced that 133 British prisoners were on the Altmark. In actual fact, about twice that number were actually taken off. — Reuter.

Norway Broke The Rules

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The press warmly approves Britain's action in the Altmark affair.

The "Petit Parisien" states: "International law was unquestionably violated by the Altmark's captain who deliberately deceived the Norwegians by hiding his cargo of captives and his guns."

"L'Oeuvre" says, "If there was somebody who broke the rules of neutrality, in this case it was Norway. We will never attack small states. We only endeavour to understand their attitude. Oslo did not want 'trouble,' especially with Germany. The Altmark was visited as a matter of form and her captain's statements were accepted blindly. The ship was therefore allowed to remain in Norwegian waters with her prisoners aboard." — Havas.

PASSIVITY IS NOT NEUTRALITY

Paris, To-day.

The spirit and form of Britain's protest to Norway over the Altmark affair are entirely approved here.

In the opinion of well-informed observers Norway, like Sweden, appears to be adopting "passive neutrality," but it is stressed that neutrality involves duties and passivity is not neutrality.

Norway's attitude over the Altmark and Sweden's refusal of Finland's request for military aid are considered to have similar aspects. It is held that their passivity means in effect that they are submitting without reaction to the pressure the Germans are putting on them. — Reuter.

PITHY COMMENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

The "Manchester Guardian" commenting on the Altmark states, "If the vessel can act along with a battleship while the latter is destroying commerce, can receive its prisoners from sunken ships and convoy them to an enemy country and still be regarded

GERMAN SAILORS FED UP

London, To-day.

Some of the German seamen of the 3,000-ton steamer Morea, which was captured, together with a cargo of manganese ore, and brought safely to Britain state that they were fed up with being cooped up in a Spanish port since the beginning of the war and had decided to risk their luck and run for home. — Reuter.

as a peaceful, innocent merchantman to be assisted through neutral territorial waters with the kindly escort of neutral warships, then there is an end to international law and common sense." — Havas.

ACTION JUSTIFIED

London, To-day.

The Cairo newspapers "El Mokattam" and "El Balagh" publish editorials justifying the British action in the Altmark incident and describing it as the greatest feat after the Graf Spee, depriving Germany of the fruits of piracy and repudiating the reference by Germany to international law after its repeated violations of it. — Reuter.

NAZIS TO REPUDIATE WORD AGAIN

London, To-day.

The German Wireless yesterday announced that Germany was going to repudiate the London Submarine Convention, under which, among other things, she agreed not to torpedo merchantships until the crew had been put in a place of safety.

The "excuse" is that British ships are now arming themselves against the attacks of U-boats and aeroplanes.

Such arming for defence purposes is clearly permitted by international law, and, in any event, the Nazi repudiation has not caused much surprise in London, since it is pointed out—the Nazis have already repudiated it on many occasions by their actions. — Reuter.

PURCHASE OF U.S. SHIPS

Brussels, To-day.

Of eight American ships owned by the United States Line which have been sold to a Belgian company, the largest is the President Harding, 13,869 tons.

It is learned that she will be renamed City of Brussels. — Reuter.

*** Launched at New York in 1921, the President Harding (ex President Taft, ex Lone Star State) is 516 feet long. She has two decks, a shelter deck and a shade deck and a cruiser stern. Fitted for oil-fuel, she is driven by four steam turbines driving twin screws.

NETHERLANDS PROTEST

The Hague, To-day.

The Netherlands Government has protested to Berlin against the torpedoing of the steamer Arendskerck. — Reuter.

NEW ANZAC DIVISIONS MAGNIFICENT

London, To-day.

Mr. Anthony Eden, Secretary for the Dominions, returned to England yesterday from a visit to the Near East, in which he welcomed the Australian and New Zealand forces. He was away for 10 days, during which time he has flown 6,000 miles.

He said that there were three major impressions he secured.

The first was the magnificent quality of the Australian and New Zealand forces; they were going to be as good as the men who came up from "Down Under" 25 years ago, and there could be no higher praise.

The second was the excellent effect produced in the Middle East and in the world generally by this distinct demonstration of Imperial unity.

The third was the loyal co-operation of the Egyptian Government and people. There was no doubt that they appreciated very clearly how closely interwoven was their national destiny with Britain's; Britain had every reason to be grateful for this and for the help Egypt is so freely giving in the common cause. — Reuter.

GERMANY'S INCAPACITY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

The Altmark case and subsequent German threats are proving once more Germany's incapacity to take the military or political initiative, in the opinion of political circles in Amsterdam.

After the first threats to Norway and the announcement of "terrible reprisals," the Nazi attitude has already changed and semi-official circles in Berlin are telling neutral pressmen that the "Altmark case is a deliberate British provocation to extend the conflict and draw the Reich into taking rash initiatives."

The present "test case" will probably serve to reveal to neutrals the real value they must attach to threats with which Germany is bullying them. — Havas.

ALTMARK CHARGE

Berlin, To-day.

A charge that British sailors who boarded the Altmark looted the quarters of the captain and crew before leaving is made by the captain of the German ship, according to the Deutsches Nachrichten Bureau, the official Nazi news agency.

He is also quoted as saying that a British officer was struck by a British bullet during the fighting. — Reuter.

KING GUSTAV'S ENDORSEMENT

Stockholm, To-day.

King Gustav has issued a statement endorsing the Swedish Government's refusal to give military aid to Finland. — Reuter.

Lord Halifax Rejects Norwegian Contention BRITISH CASE ON THE ALTMARK PUT VERY FULLY

London, To-day.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, in exchanges with the Norwegian Minister in London, which are still continuing, has rejected the Norwegian contention that the Altmark's prisoners should be returned to Norway.

Lord Halifax has taken under advisement the remaining points in the Norwegian Note. At the same time Lord Halifax put the British case very fully before the Norwegian Minister.

Neutral correspondents are putting a number of points arising from the Altmark case to the British authorities, the kernel of which lies in whether or not the British Government seeks to establish a precedent which might affect other neutral powers.

In answer to these points the British spokesman quoted Reuter reports from the United States, seeming to dispose of any American misgivings.

PRECEDENT OF LAST WAR

American legal opinion referred to the Appan case in the last war setting a precedent for the United States.

When the German liner Appan arrived at Newport, Va., with British prisoners on board, the American authorities released the prisoners. The action was subsequently confirmed by the Supreme Court, which ordered the Appan to be handed to the British.

THE BRITISH CASE

Other neutral questioners yesterday doubted whether a belligerent warship or merchant ship merely wishing to pass neutral territorial waters must be searched by the neutral power.

The British case, however, is not dependent on this point; it relies on the contention that the Altmark's status as an auxiliary of the Graf Spee and the bearer of several hundred prisoners was known all over the world, and that the Norwegian authorities, having decided to inspect her, were guilty of great neglect in not conducting a thorough search which would have revealed the fact that this was a German Fleet auxiliary and was trying to smuggle British prisoners through Norwegian territorial waters. — Reuter.

RESOLUTION RECALLED

London, To-day.

In connexion with the Altmark, it is pointed out in official circles in London that Norwegian seamen, through their union, and the officers' association, presented a resolution to the Norwegian Foreign Office on Feb. 15 protesting against the Nazi sea warfare which was being waged, it was said, with the prime object of terrorisation of neutral shipping.

The resolution enumerated a number of recent sinkings which must be condemned as demonstrably conflicting with international law and human feeling.

MOST MONSTROUS THING

The steamer Songa, for example, proceeding from an American to a neutral European port, was sunk in the Atlantic and the crew driven into open boats in mid-Winter.

Secondly, the sinking of the steamer Tempo, was "the most monstrous thing imaginable." She was sunk by German aeroplanes which shot at the crew in boats.

The resolution concluded by urging members not to man ships which are carrying cargo to a belligerent which

had declared its pride in war and the aimless murder of defenceless seamen. — Reuter.

HOLLAND CHANGED INTO VAST FORT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

NEUTRAL CORRESPONDENTS are amazed at the transformation of the whole of the Netherlands into a vast fortress while the Dutch Army, they state, is able to oppose with efficacious resistance any attacker.

"During our tour we have inspected a number of fortresses and artillery batteries in inundated regions. We found several hundred thousands of soldiers and many thousands of civilians working shoulder to shoulder with the most modern tools, building defence works."

The correspondents insisted that the Dutch system of defence was worked out at a considerable depth and every fortification itself was defended by other defence works while vast areas may be flooded within a single night.

All bridges in fortified zones were protected by machine-gun nests, mine-fields and anti-tank traps. All these bridges can be blown up merely by the touch of button. — Reuter.

ALLIES MAY SEIZE IRON ORE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

IT IS RELIABLY LEARNED THAT THE ALLIED HIGH NAVAL COMMANDS ARE AT PRESENT STUDYING MEANS TO ARREST THE CONTINUOUS INFLOW OF SWEDISH IRON TO THE REICH WHICH FORMED 40 PER CENT. OF THE REICH'S TOTAL IRON IMPORTS IN PEACE TIME.

The Swedish iron comes mainly from mines in Lapland and is exported via the Norwegian seaport of Narvik which is free the year round.

The Allied Fleets are able to exercise complete contraband control in the North Sea and, therefore, will intercept exports of Swedish iron, via Narvik. These exports represent at least one-half of the German iron imports. — Havas.

FANTASTIC GERMAN CLAIMS

London, To-day.

The German High Command's claim that four British convoys have been successfully attacked is discredited in British naval circles.

The Admiralty's comment was: "The claim is as fantastic as German claims usually are." — Reuter.

APPEAL TO JOIN ALLIES' BATTLE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

AN APPEAL ADDRESSED TO ALL UKRAINIANS THE WORLD OVER TO JOIN THE ALLIED BATTLE AGAINST THE NAZIS WAS ISSUED BY THE UKRAINIAN COMMITTEE IN PARIS, SIGNED BY ALEXANDER SHULGIN, FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER.

The appeal stated in part: "Germany and her leaders have betrayed themselves and the people. Formerly many representatives of the Third Reich emphasized their sympathy for Ukraine and promised to liberate Ukraine from the Soviet yoke. Events have proved that this was mere blackmail."

A similar appeal has been issued by Mustafa Chokay Colt, former president of the National Government of Turkestan on behalf of the Turcomans, now incorporated in the U.S.A.R. — Havas.

TRAINING CRAFTSMEN

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THOUSANDS OF UNEMPLOYED MEN WITH LITTLE SPECIALISED KNOWLEDGE OF ANY TRADE ARE NOW BEING TRANSFORMED INTO SKILLED CRAFTSMEN READY TO TAKE THEIR PLACES IN THE ARMS AND ENGINEERING FACTORIES OF BRITAIN.

Men whose ages range up to 45 are given six months' instruction in practical engineering at 14 training centres. Eight thousand men are now being trained and there is room for another 7,000.

It is hoped to supply this year 40,000 trained workers.

Meanwhile engineering employers engaged in armaments production are negotiating with the Trade Unions and the Government in regard to the dilution of labour. — Reuter.

NEUTRAL SINKINGS

MADRID, TO-DAY.

THE OFFICIAL SPANISH NEWS AGENCY ANNOUNCES THAT THE SPANISH STEAMER BANDERAS (2,000 TONS) SANK FOLLOWING AN EXPLOSION SIX MILES OFF CAPE VILLANO.

Twenty-two out of the crew of 29 are dead.

In Oslo, the owners of the steamer Elka have received information through the Norwegian Foreign Office that the vessel was torpedoed without warning on January 29 and that only two members of the crew were saved by the U-boat. — Reuter.

VICEROY'S STATEMENT WELCOMED BY INDIAN LIBERALS

New Delhi, To-day.

The Council of the Indian National Liberal Federation welcomes the Viceroy's statement that the British Government's aim is Dominion status for India.

It criticises Congress for rejecting the offer completely and for continuing what it calls this impracticable idea of complete independence.

It repudiates that India is composed of two separate nations based on differences of religion and supports coalition ministries. — Reuter.

ECONOMY OF THE AMERICAS

NEW YORK, TO-DAY.

THE FOREIGN POLICY ASSOCIATION, IN A REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF PAN-AMERICAN CO-OPERATION, STATES THAT ONLY THE BARE BEGINNING HAS BEEN MADE TOWARDS THE FULL REALIZATION OF WESTERN HEMISPHERE ECONOMIC POTENTIALITIES.

The future of the programme in Latin America depends on the ability of the United States to face the issue involved by the import of competitive products.

The Association points out that there is no common cultural thread running through North, Central and South America, and the Latin American businessmen, bankers and workmen have no North American counterparts.

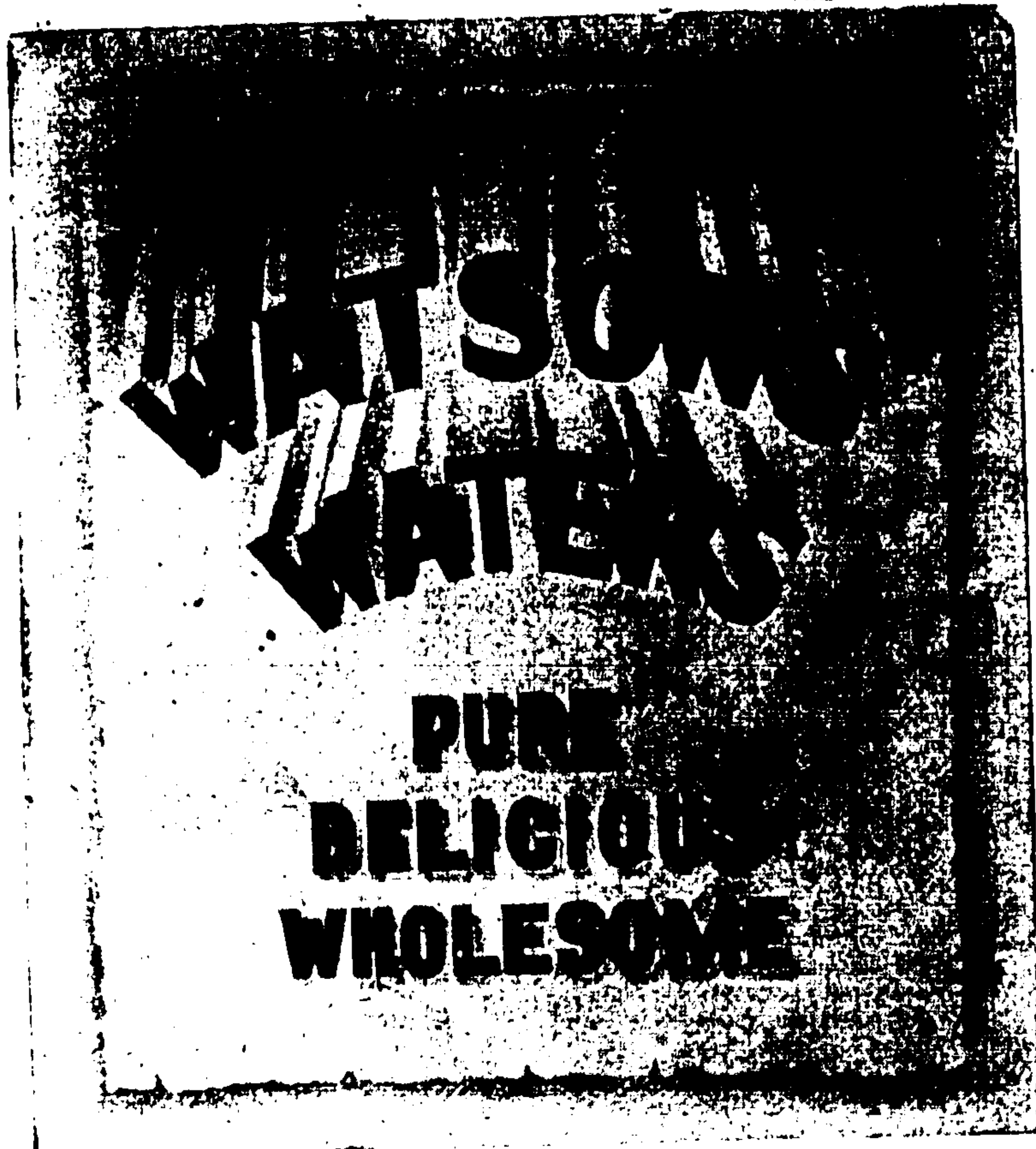
Latin America's cultural ties are more towards those of Europe, although her economic ties with North America are stronger. — Reuter.

ROOSEVELT DIVORCE CROSS-PETITION

Los Angeles, To-day.

Mrs. Betsey Roosevelt has filed a cross-petition against her husband, James Roosevelt, son of the President, asking for a divorce on grounds of cruelty and desertion and for court approval for the previously arranged property settlement. — Reuter.

Capt. P. Nath Kerpol, of Rajputana Rifles, was cautioned by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this morning when summoned for failing to licence his private car, No. 789, on January 25.



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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

U.S. SURPRISE

The commencement of diplomatic conversations of an informal character between the United States and neutral governments, together with the announcement that Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, is to make a tour of Europe as the personal representative of President Roosevelt for the purpose of securing first-hand information regarding the European situation, is one of the major surprises of the war. The two facts are not at present to be taken as forming parts of a general scheme leading to mediation, for it is made quite clear that what President Roosevelt is concerned with is the state of the world when peace is again established, and the widespread adjustments which will be necessary if stable conditions are to be secured calculated to make a lasting and advantageous peace for all. In connection with the tour of Mr. Sumner Welles the general impression is formed that both Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Cordell Hull desire a detailed, comprehensive report from a man approaching the matter with a fresh mind, rather than to have different reports from the various representatives in the countries which Mr. Welles is to visit, each one of whom approaches the subject from his own personal point of view. The considered judgment of one man having made all the necessary enquiries should be more valuable than any attempt at collating the opinions of a number of men. It may very well be that at some time in the future President Roosevelt, or his successor, if the war lasts as long as it is anticipated, will have to play a very important part in endeavouring to solve the problems which have led up to the present war, and which, if they are not properly solved, may only mean that they will remain the causes for another possible outbreak. It is to be hoped, that President Roosevelt is not contemplating another conference such as that responsible for the Treaty of Versailles. The mistakes of the past suggest the necessity of statesmen approaching the problems of peace with minds untrammelled by the precedents of the past.

The report that Mr. Welles is to make this tour has been received warmly in Great Britain, and will probably be regarded in the same light by France. He will undoubtedly receive all the information he desires, for it is obvious that if the United States Government is ultimately to make any really valuable contribution to the establishment of a permanent peace it will have to be fully apprised of the opinions held by the governments of all the warring nations. The war aims of the Allies are already sufficiently widely known, and it is because Washington fully understands that there can be no peace until those aims have been attained that it has been clearly made known that the present move does not amount to a peace drive, but rather an exploratory manoeuvre to discover how it can be made possible. Mention has already been made of the fact that a settlement which is just to Germany, and to the Allies, is a prime essential. That in itself will present certain obstacles which will only disappear by the total elimination of the present government of the Reich and the substitution therefore of a Government in which the nations of the world can place their confidence. There can in fact be no peace without it, for it would only amount to an armed truce until such time as Herr Hitler decided the opportunity ripe for another attempt to further his grandiose schemes. The attainment of the Allies' immedi-

ate war aims, however, while a prerequisite does not mean the removal of all those evils which have brought about the present deplorable situation. The enormous problem of making the necessary trade and financial adjustments without which it will be impossible to secure a lasting peace is one in which all the nations of the world will have to assist in solving, for autarchical schemes and the continuance of policies of narrow nationalism cannot but be conducive of hostility and so prevent the general reduction of armaments which the American Government apparently has in view.—"N. C. D. News."

MAGNETIC MINES LIKE BOMBERS

Magnetic mines are laid by submarines and they violate international law. The fixed minefield is, so to speak, a form of trench-warfare at sea; it walls off a given area or closes certain sea-roads. The German mines, on the other hand, act like bombers who may make their appearance anywhere. In reply to this device the British Government has retaliated by assuming the right to confiscate all German exports. This is, of course contrary to international law; it can be justified only as a merited reprisal. It was not done until a considerably later stage of the last war. It will cripple German efforts to buy in America through neutral and triangular channels but there will be more to spare for Russia and the Balkans. Public opinion in this country has, of course, welcomed this evidence of determination.—"New Statesman and Nation."

THE GARB OF OLD GAUL

A Scotsman's plea for the kilt has been turned down. Pipe he never so sweetly, the member for East Fife cannot persuade the War Office, in the delicious language which suits the occasion, "to relax the official attitude towards the Scottish national dress." The kilt may be worn while "walking out," but no more will be "issued" until the war is over.

ON WHICH SIDE?

On which side do we stand, individually or as a nation? I know that in a sense it is nonsense to speak of this or any other nation as Christian, but I do believe that such Christianity as it possesses, largely no doubt unconscious, is the real motive power behind our effort, and that, if we allow ourselves to forget that, we shall all ultimately fail, however successful our warlike efforts may be.—"The Dean of Durham."

Reasons are advanced for this measure of Sassenach uniformity. The impossibility of getting the kilt in sufficient quantity for existing Highland units speaks admirably for the bellicosity of the present Highland generation. The kilt is also declared to be poor protection against gas; to be "unmechanisable" in the sense

of fitting ill against a back-scene of tanks, dragons and Bren-carriers; and it is held to be troublesome in enabling the enemy to identify British units. To all of these the Scots will probably have an answer—perhaps particularly the last, for is it not proudly remembered that the 51st Highland Territorial Division in the last war held first place on the "funk list" of the enemy, who feared them as the "ladies from hell"? Regional dress gives the lustre of variety and therefore the zest of competition to an army, but uniformity by all the philological rules, must be the trend of uniform. War itself compels it, as it moves with the times from a colourful art to a monotonous science of mechanics. The garb of the foray must yield to the boiler-suit as men sit down opposite each other in millions, revving up the engines for the clash of great machines that may have to come. In that day the Highland regiments can be trusted to break all records in morale and fighting fervour, for a victorious peace will not only take them home but will restore the kilt to its rightful place again.—"Daily Telegraph."

NORWAY MAY APPEAL TO THE INTERNATIONAL COURT: NEW OSLO VERSION OF ALTMARK

ALTMARK: FURTHER DETAILS

JOSING FIORD, TO-DAY. CORRESPONDENTS TRYING TO "RECONSTRUCT THE ALTMARK INCIDENT" FROM INFORMATION ON THE SPOT THINK THAT THE GERMAN SHIP MUST HAVE ENTERED THE FIORD AT ABOUT 5 P.M. ON FRIDAY. SHE WAS STOPPED BY TWO NORWEGIAN TORPEDO-BOATS BEFORE THE BRITISH DESTROYER APPEARED AT THE MOUTH.

Soon after midnight, the British destroyer went out to join the other British ships, which comprised four more destroyers and a cruiser.

Cossack finally entered the Fiord and placed herself across the Altmark's bow. The latter made two attempts to ram her, but Cossack was manoeuvred brilliantly and escaped with a glancing blow, while the Altmark went aground. The destroyer then came alongside and the boarding party boarded her.

The Altmark was built secretly. Of over 12,000 tons, she was of the tanker type, with one large funnel aft. When spotted by the R.A.F. planes, she was painted gray, but her name could be picked out on her stern.—Reuter.

RASPBERRY FOR NAZI CAPTAIN

London, To-day.

Some of the rescued British sailors from the Altmark visited the press bureau in London yesterday afternoon and gave their experiences.

One of them, an Australian, said he was taken on board the Altmark on February 7, five days after the sinking of his ship.

The following day the men were paraded on deck and the German captain made a short speech, in the course of which he said: "Your government has taken away our colonies but we will get them back," in reply to which a murmur ran round the British sailors of "perhaps!"

NOT IMPRESSED!

The German captain also maintained that the Boers were being ill-treated and, in the words of the narrator, the captain was given a "raspberry," to which the captain is reported to have replied "That doesn't impress me in the least."

Asked in regard to the arming of the Altmark, a sailor said that the Nazi sailors carried revolvers. The ship had two pom-poms, a number of machineguns and a cargo of shells which were far too large for either class of weapon. — Reuter.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Oslo, To-day.

STATEMENTS BY THE Foreign Minister, M. Koht, and the president of Parliament, M. Hambro, were approved by the Norwegian Parliament yesterday afternoon, after which it was stated that Norway may appeal to the League of Nations or the International Court over the Altmark affair.

M. Koht, in his statement in Parliament, said the Altmark had not called at any Norwegian port but was stopped at sea by a Norwegian torpedo-boat on Wednesday last.

The captain of the Norwegian warship satisfied himself that the Altmark was what she purported to be, saw the ship's papers and left the vessel. He knew the Nazi ship had anti-aircraft guns but was satisfied she was what she purported to be.

As the naval authorities at Bergen thought it was not clear exactly what the Altmark was, another torpedo-boat stopped the Nazi ship off Bergen.

The German captain this time refused permission to inspect his ship, "in which he was acting within his full rights." The Altmark's skipper did not use his radio after being warned not to do so.

KNEW BEFOREHAND

On February 16, M. Koht continued, he heard that British planes had been sighted flying over the Altmark, and he presumed it was these aircraft which reported on the Altmark's movements to London.

"Probably the British knew beforehand that there were British prisoners on board, a fact which we did not know," he stated.

As for the German protest, it was impossible for two Norwegian torpedo-boats to fight six British destroyers.

"ALL RIGHTS"

When the British Minister in Oslo was called in to see the Norwegian Premier, he said the Altmark had British prisoners on board. The answer to this was that the Altmark "had all rights to navigate Norwegian waters."

M. Koht continued: "There is no rule forbidding the transport of prisoners through neutral waters providing the navigation itself is not illegal."

M. Koht said the British Foreign Minister told the Norwegian Minister in London that the Altmark had called at Bergen. This was not so.

"NOT FIT FOR A DOG."

Lord Halifax admitted a technical infringement of Norwegian neutrality but attached little value to it as the British prisoners were kept in conditions not fit for a dog.

ANOTHER U-BOAT DESTROYED

Lisbon, To-day. Passengers on a French liner which has just arrived here report that a U-boat and a Nazi trawler have been sunk. The U-boat, they said, was in touch with a trawler which was bringing supplies of food and fuel. A French destroyer laid in wait, fired 10 shots and is believed to have sunk both.—Reuter.

guest for a search. Warships were not obliged to submit to inspection and the only right a representative of the Norwegian navy had was that of making sure that the ship was what her captain alleged her to be. Of this the Norwegian officer was able to assure himself by reading the Altmark's papers.

NOT SATISFIED

Mr. Koht said that the Norwegian officer was also informed that the Altmark carried anti-aircraft guns but the officer commanding the naval station at Bergen was not satisfied that sufficient information had been given about the Altmark and, consequently, when the Altmark was about 100 miles north of Bergen on February 15, she was met by another Norwegian warship which claimed the right to make further examination. This request, the Altmark's captain—with full legal right—refused and accordingly the claim was waived.

It turned out that the Altmark was using her wireless. She was informed that she was not entitled to do so and the Captain apologised.

NAZI PROTEST

M. Koht stated that the Norwegian Government did not know of British prisoners on board the Altmark.

Referring to the German protest, declaring that Norway had failed to assist the Altmark as effectively as possible, M. Koht said that the Norwegian commander was faced by an overwhelming superiority of forces and that resistance would have been useless and senseless.—Reuter.

After the statement had been unanimously approved by Parliament, M. Hambro, the president, said he hoped Norway's calm attitude would be approved by Britain, and that their friendship was not in danger.

M. Koht announced that Norway might appeal to the League of Nations or the International Court. — Havas.

"GROSS VIOLATION"

Reuter adds that M. Koht said the British warships committed a gross violation of Norway's neutrality by intercepting the Altmark. He said the Altmark was a state service ship which had served the German navy and accordingly she must be considered as a warship in conformity with international law.

The captain of the Altmark immediately agreed to the Norwegian re-



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Mr. L. Dunbar's Baffin Bay (Mr. H. J. A. Hearne up) winning the Coral Handicap by a short head from Lucky Lad (Mr. Needs), rails, which in turn beat Tornado Star (Mr. Wel), right, by a short head. In the Melbourne Cup yesterday Lucky Lad beat Baffin Bay by 1½ lengths. (Staff Photographer).



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THIRD DAY'S RACING

SPICYLIGHT BREAKS STABLE - MAT E'S RECORD WINNING THE CHATER CUP

WARM AND PLEASANT WEATHER favoured the opening of the third day's racing at the Valley to-day, and there was a fair crowd in attendance prior to the luncheon interval, including His Excellency the Governor, who arrived just prior to the running of the third race.

Outstanding performance this morning was Spicylight's record-shattering run over half a mile and 170 yards. Out of the barrier alongside Mrs. Dunbar's crack, Mount Hope Bay, again handled by Mr. Black, Spicylight was held to a neck and neck struggle until 100 yards from the post, when Mr. "Boojie" Moller's powerful riding had its effect and the hot favourite won by half a length. The previous record was established yesterday by Racylight, another Moller pony.

At the luncheon interval to-day the Moller stable had won \$8,626.00 in stakes and three cups as the result of six wins and two thirds in nine starts!

Mr. Donald Black had a very good morning, securing a first, two seconds and a third.

The Rooter-Hill Derby is the big race on to-day's programme, and the winner will this year win the Sports Club Cup in addition—this trophy was previously competed for by the new batch of subscription China griffins.

Following have won the Australian classic in the past eight years, giving the jockey and time:

1932—Polar Star (Li)	2.55.0
1933—Night Star (Li)	2.57.1
1934—Able Amazon (Li)	2.58.4
1935—Cold Morning (Fung)	2.48.0
1936—Yo Ho (Marshall)	3.02.3
1937—Oypay Love (Li)	2.43.3
1938—Tornado Star (Marshall)	2.51.0
1939—Triumphant Day (Tao)	2.49.0

The general opinion is that Mr. Li Lan-sang's Far View (Mr. H. C. Pih) will win comfortably. It will be recalled that it won the Sydney Maidens (third section) in 1.16.2, which equaled Courting Eve's track record, finishing in 24.4. Mr. Li Lan-sang has not yet won this event.

Mrs. A. E. Grasett's Sapper and Diamonds' Australian Diamond are expected to provide a keen struggle for second position.

TEN CENTS BACK

The Victoria Stakes, first race on to-day's programme, provided the first series of \$5.10 parimutuel dividend returns, the first three ponies finishing in the order of betting. Jobber went out in front from the start, followed by Lilliber, Bear Claw and King's Warden, but by the time the home straight was reached Bear Claw was leading, followed by Lilliber and Rose Emily. The hot favourite, Eve of Harvest came up strongly on the rails over the last 100 yards to win by 2½ lengths from Lilliber, with Bear Claw third and Rose Emily fourth.

That gallant old-timer King's Warden, winner of \$27,331 in stakes, was a poor last, despite a weight concession of 15lb. from the winner, which was carrying 20lb. more than it was when it placed second to Confusion Bay in the race for the Foochow Cup yesterday.

ANOTHER RECORD GOES

When Mr. Moller's Racylight broke Desert Chief's record for half a mile and 170 yards yesterday in the Lusitano Cup, clipping off two-fifths of a second off the previous best, it was

thought that this record would stand for some time, but in reality it remained good for only 23½ hours, Mr. Moller's Spicylight (Mr. "Boojie" Moller up) winning the Chater Cup race by half a length from Mr. Dunbar's Mount Hope Bay (Mr. Black in 1.02.4, one and four-fifths of a second better than Racylight's record).

It was a two-pony race, both being out of the barrier in a flash and running neck and neck up to the last 100 yards when hard riding by Mr. Moller, coupled with judicious use of the whip, gave him a slight advantage. White Diamond, third all the way round, was third and Possible fourth.

The following are the record comparisons:
Racylight 11.1; 37.3; 1.04.3.
Spicylight 11 ; 36.1; 1.02.4.

FIRST WIN AT VALLEY

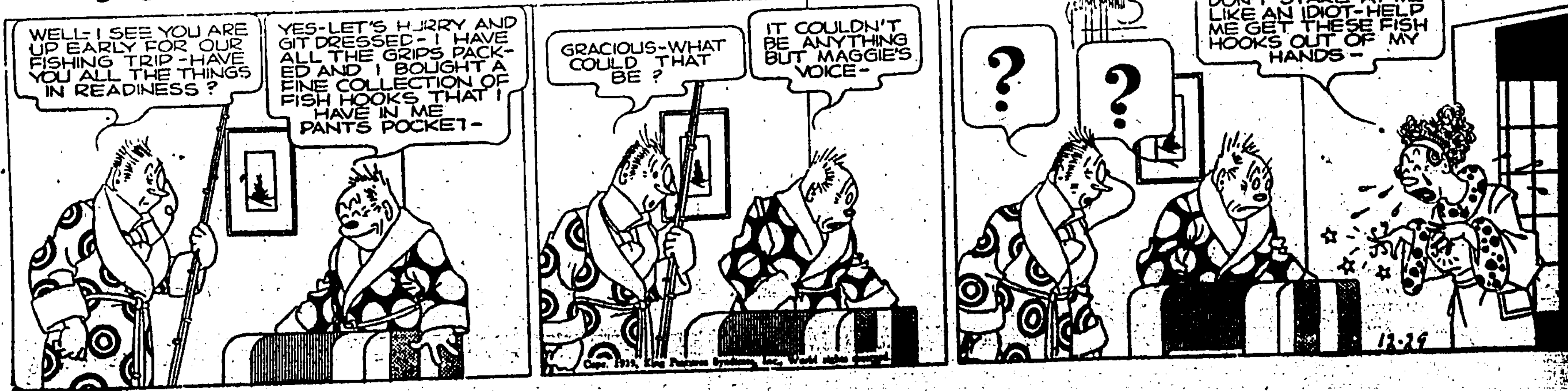
Gredka's Murrumbidgee (Mr. Black) caused an upset in the Canbelego Handicap when it won as it liked to pay \$30.40.

A Roaring Time (Mr. Wei) was made firm favourite, but, after settling the pace, it was passed at the ¼ mile starting gate by Murrumbidgee, which proceeded to establish and maintain a lead of many lengths. A Roaring Time was second, many lengths ahead of Annabella, while Centre Court (Mr. Needa), second favourite, was fourth. This was Murrumbidgee's first win at the Valley, but it must be remembered that it held a weight advantage of 29lb. over A Roaring Time.

The race for the Royal Navy Cup was expected to provide Celtic Star (Mr. Marshall) with an easy win, but it had to be pushed hard in order to secure third place, and no dividend was paid on it, due to the fact there were only five starters.

Tribute and Guinness Time acted as race-makers, but after passing the Golf Club corner the former faltered badly, dropped far behind the field and then decided it would not run any more and the jockey had no alternative but to return to the Paddock. Meanwhile Guinness Time, perfectly handled by Mr. Wei, had maintained the lead, and, despite a desperate challenge from Strathbannock (Continued on Page 11)

Bringing Up Father



By George McManus

THIRD DAY'S RACING

(Continued from Page 10)
(Mr. Black), won by three lengths. Celtic Star was third and Clownner fourth. Strathbannock was carrying 171lbs., the biggest weight impost this meeting.

Guinness Time paid \$20.50 for its success.

FIFTH RACE

Many Thanks (Mr. Encarnacao) gave considerable trouble at the start of the First Section of the Albury Stakes, and when the field at last got away Sea Jay (Mr. Proulx), the second favourite, and Flying Dutchman (Mr. Needa) got right in front, with Springhurst some distance behind. Dutchman secured the better of Sea Jay 150 yards from the post, but when it appeared to have the race well in hand, Sparrow (Mr. Chao), the favourite, came through with a great burst to secure a dead heat decision. Sea Jay was a short head behind for third place.

SIXTH RACE

Happy Landing (Mr. Davis), a warm favourite, failed to place in the Killare Handicap, wasting too much energy up the back straight after having been caught napping at the start. Sydney Lad (Mr. Hearne) and Derby Day were always to the fore but Pumpernickel came up well in the last furlong and very nearly pulled off a surprise win from Sydney Lad. Derby Day was third and Rising Star fourth.

1—VICTORIA STAKES—One Mile.

Eve's Eve of Harvest 168 lb.
(C. Encarnacao) 1
Marber's Lilliber 152 lb.
(G. P. Gram) 2
Mrs. Dunbar's Bear Claw 155 lb.
(D. Black) 3
Also ran:—Jobber, 140 lb., (H. M. Botelho); King's Warden, 153 lb., (V. V. Needa); and Rose Emily, 143 lb., (W. G. Poy).

6 Starters. Won by 2½ lengths: 2 lengths. Time: 27; 56; 1.25.3; 1.54.1.
Pari-mutuel, winner \$5.90; places, 1st \$5.10; 2nd \$5.10; 3rd \$5.10.

BETTING FIGURES

	Win	Place
Eve of Harvest	1171	710
Lilliber	233	347
Bear Claw	111	138
King's Warden	29	53
Rose Emily	20	47
Jobber	11	54

2—CHATER CUP—Presented: with \$1,000 added for Winner. About Half Mile 170 Yards.

Cire's Spiclight 164 lb.
(R. B. Moller) 1
L. Dunbar's Mount Hope Bay 161 lb.
(D. Black) 2
Diamonds's White Diamond 158 lb.
(H. C. Pih) 3
Also ran:—Bronze Arrow, 161 lb.,

(C. Encarnacao); Care Free, 161 lb., (W. G. Poy); Distinctive Time, 161 lb., (P. Y. T. Wei); Eve of Folly, 153 lb., (Hoo Pak-ming); Eve of Peace, 153 lb., (R. M. Wood); Gay Star, 161 lb., (S. W. Pan); Johnber, 158 lb., (G. B. Gram); Little Princess, 155 lb., (S. L. Yuen); Ojibway (late Egmont Bay), 156 lb., (H. M. Botelho); Oomph, 158 lb., (Ip Kui-ying); and Possible, 158 lb., (Tang Man-wa).

14 Starters. Won by ½ length; many lengths. Time: 11; 36.1; 1.02.4; (record).

Pari-mutuel, winner \$5.70; places, 1st \$5.10; 2nd \$5.40; 3rd \$6.00.

BETTING FIGURES

	Win	Place
Spiclight	1939	1080
Mount Hope Bay	407	323
Possible	84	178
White Diamond	39	121
Bronze Arrow	12	33
Johnber	10	32
Distinctive Time	4	23
Eve of Folly	2	2
Care Free	2	7
Ojibway	2	8
Gay Star	1	3
Oomph	1	2
Eve of Peace	1	2
Little Princess	1	1

3—CANBELEGO HANDICAP—1½ Miles.

Gredka's Murrumbidgee 136 lb. ...
(D. Black) 1
Li Shiu Hang's A Roaring Time 105 lb.
(P. Y. T. Wei) 2
Cocon's Annabella 165 lb.
(L. B. Chao) 3
Also ran:—Ajax, 151 lb., (C. Encarnacao); and Centre Court, 155 lb., (V. V. Needa).

5 Starters. Won by many lengths; many lengths. Time: 26.2; 52.3; 1.20.3; 1.48.2; 2.15.1.

Pari-mutuel, winner \$30.40; places, 1st \$11.90; 2nd \$7.50.

BETTING FIGURES

	Win	Place
A Roaring Time	1291	630
Centre Court	775	404
Ajax	493	323
Murrumbidgee	460	231
Annabella	153	112

4—ROYAL NAVY CUP—Presented by the Officers of H.M.'s Navy, with \$750 added for Winner. About One Mile 171 Yards.

H. Leigh's Guinness Time 163 lb.
(P. Y. T. Wei) 1
J. F. Macgregor's Strathbannock 171 lb.
(D. Black) 2
S. L. K.'s Celtic Star 165 lb.
(F. Marshall) 3

Also ran:—Clownner, 155 lb., (Ip Kui-ying); and Tribute, 161 lb., (B. L. Tao).
5 Starters. Won by 3 lengths; 3 lengths. Time: 12; 42; 1.14.1; 1.45.4; 2.15.4.

Pari-mutuel, winner \$20.50; places, 1st \$11.00; 2nd \$13.30.

BETTING FIGURES

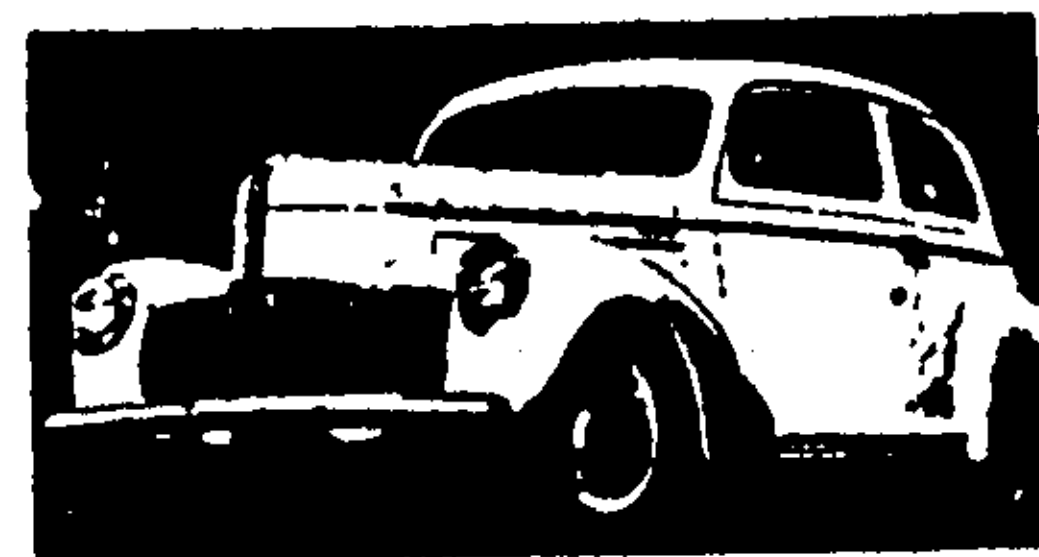
	Win	Place
Celtic Star	1973	1009
Strathbannock	571	292
Guinness Time	749	407
Clownner	149	142
Tribute	43	50

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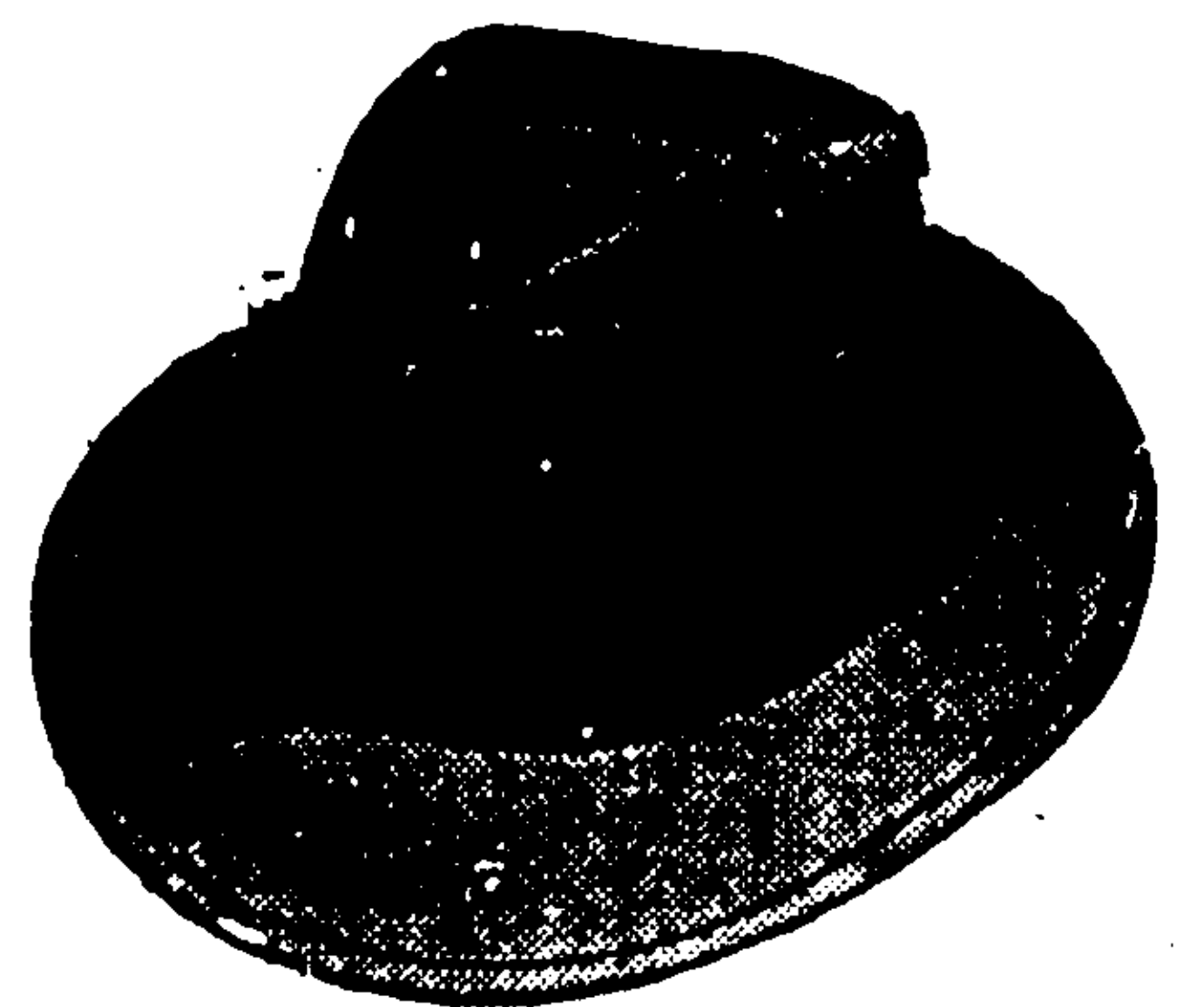
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NORWAY REPLIES TO NAZIS

Oslo, To-day.

A Note to Berlin, in reply to Germany's protest over the Altmark incident, states that Norway is taking energetic measures in London to obtain satisfaction for the violation of her territorial waters.

In reply to Nazi protests that Norway should have protected the Altmark from the British, the Note says that the Norwegian ships were "powerless against the overwhelming British force."

Authoritative Nazi sources say: "All neutral nations are menaced as a result of the British violation of Norway's territorial waters, and England will feel the most dire German retaliation."

Reviving the old war-cry of "Gott strafe England" is also popular in connection with what the Nazis call "the most swinish act in history!"—Reuter.

***Someone ought to tell them about Poland!

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NORWEGIAN SEAMEN ON U-BOAT MURDER CAMPAIGN

London, To-day.

A commentary on the tendentious outbursts by the Nazis against Britain's alleged violation of international law and the rights of neutral countries in regard to the Altmark case, is contained in a resolution of Norwegian Unions presented to the Norwegian Foreign Secretary on February 16.

"Acting on information in our possession we are resolved to protest with the greatest indignation against the form of sea warfare which is now being waged and which seems to have as its prime object the terrorisation of neutral ships.

"We are also to express our disappointment at the prevailing powerlessness in the face of demands that international law should be respected. Neutral shipping nations seem to know of no means of demanding the cessation of the massacre of shipping. The number of sinkings which have recently taken place must be condemned as demonstrably conflicting with international law and human feeling.

"In this connexion we will mention the Songa, proceeding from America to a neutral port in Europe which was sunk far out in the Atlantic and the crew driven out into open boats in midwinter.

MONSTROUS THING

"We will also mention the sinking of the Tempo as the most monstrous

thing that can be imagined.

This ship was proceeding on a neutral voyage when it was attacked by German aeroplanes which, not content with sinking the ship, went so far as to shoot at the crew they had got into boats. So much has been proved by official enquiry.

"From official enquiries into the sinking of the Enid, it is also apparent that the crew were exposed to gunfire after they got into their boats.

"It may perhaps be possible to destroy Norwegian shipping but it is impossible to frighten them into staying on land. We can urge upon our members not to go in ships which carry cargo to that belligerent Power which has declared itself proud of war and of aimlessly murdering defenceless seamen.

ACTION DEMANDED

"The Seamen's Organisations are resolved rather to demand that the authorities give due attention to the war on our merchant ships when trade agreements are concluded and to insure that in future seamen shall not be exposed to the illegal warfare which is now in progress."

Norway has so far lost, it is believed in London, 47 ships and 270 lives as the result of German action.—British Wireless.

JAPANESE FINED

The manager of the Hong Kong Drug Store, Shigemitsu Muramoto, of No. 89, Hennessy Road, was fined \$500 by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning, when charged with unlawful possession of drugs and with importing poisons into the Colony without a permit.

Mr. W. A. Grimmer told the Court that 100 tubes of medical were found in defendant's shop in Wanchai when it was raided on information. The drugs were valued at about 400 yen. The drugs were ordered to be confiscated.



Theory has it that it's the children who make the holiday spirit but Dad's sure it's the size of his pocket that's responsible for the festivities.

BRITISH SECRET SERVICE SUCCESS IN THE ALTMARK

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berne, To-day.

IN CONNECTION WITH the Altmark case the "Frankfurter Zeitung" on January 22 unconspicuously paid a high tribute to the British Intelligence Service by publishing a story credited to the newspaper's Amsterdam correspondent.

The story said: "The British press is full of reports of a mysterious tanker which, with several hundred British prisoners on board, is cruising somewhere on the ocean and is being actively sought by the Royal Navy.

"The prisoners, according to these reports, are members of the crews of eight British ships sunk by the Graf Spee, and the ship in which they are said to be detained is attempting to reach Germany or scuttle herself.

"The conditions in which the prisoners are being kept are painted in dreary colours. They do not have sufficient space, their mattresses are full of bugs, they are not allowed to smoke, they are unable to get sufficient fresh air or water and they are said to be bitterly tyrannised by the captain, who, the British press maintains, is a fervent Nazi.

HOW DID THEY KNOW?

"This is a beautifully touching story but there is only one thing which is not mentioned in these stories — how do the British know these things about a ship which is said to be cruising somewhere on the ocean without anyone, including British warships who are seeking the ship, being able to set eyes on her?"

— Havas.

BROADCAST FOR EXETER WOUNDED

LONDON, TO-DAY.

IN CERTAIN TRANSMISSIONS OF THE BBC ON SATURDAY, A TALK BY AN OFFICER OF H.M.S. EXETER WAS BROADCAST.

Early on Sunday morning, a cable was received from the Governor of the Falkland Islands asking for a repeat of the broadcast for the benefit of British sailors from Exeter who were in hospital there.

This was gladly done early yesterday morning.

The sequel, another cable from the Governor of the Falkland Islands, reading:—

"Exeter's wounded thank you." — Reuter.

FIRMLY AGROUND

Oslo, To-day.

It is thought that it will take some time to get the Altmark afloat again, as she is firmly aground. — Reuter.

RUSSIA'S WAR UPSETS NAZI IDEAS

London, To-day.

Informed London circles express the opinion that the Nazi Government cannot view the Finnish Army's heroic resistance to the Russian invasion with any pleasure considering the effects of the Russo-Finnish War on Germany's wartime economy.

Russian output of oil, metal, textiles, all of which might have been available for export to Germany are likely to be absorbed in supplying the Russian armies while there is evidence that railway rolling stock is being diverted northwards in order to carry on the campaign, thus making all transport to Germany more difficult.

A secondary adverse result is to be found in the difficulty Germany has in obtaining Russian phosphates which she badly needs for agricultural purposes and in which Germany is quite deficient. Neither will Germany's metal shortage be relieved by Finland in spite of the announcement of the intended resumption of trade.

The recent development of Finland's mineral deposits will probably be unable to be resumed for some time and 14,000 tons of copper which Finland yearly exported to Germany who is cut off by the war from 87 per cent. of the world supply, will be sadly missed.

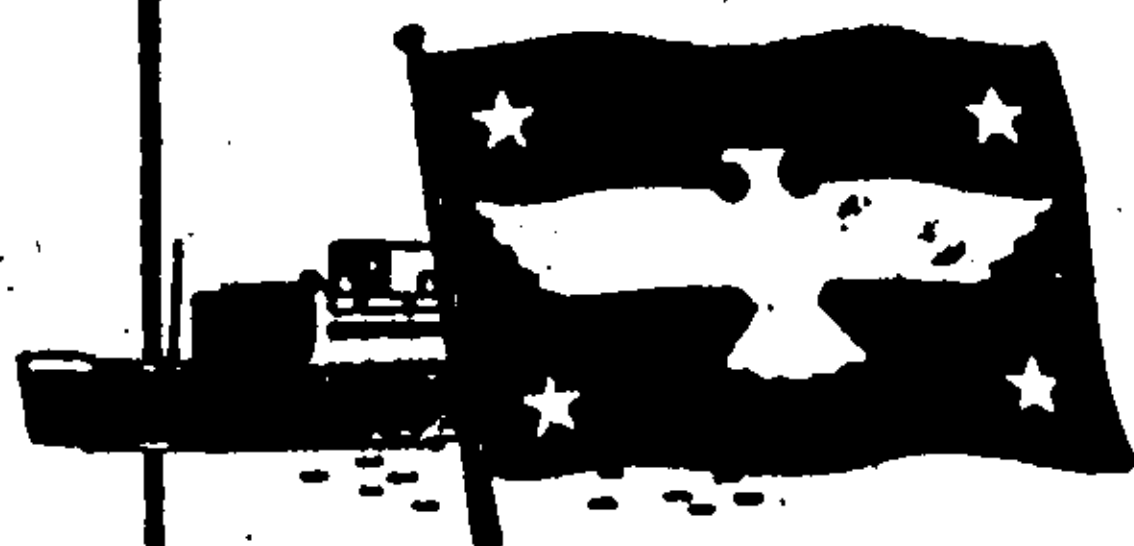
Any Nazis who listened to the Moscow broadcast on Dec. 27 must have done so with mixed feelings, realising how easily a peaceful trade could have been developed with Finland which according to the Russian broadcaster the German paper, "Deutsche Wehr" describes as a veritable mineral storehouse.—British Wireless.

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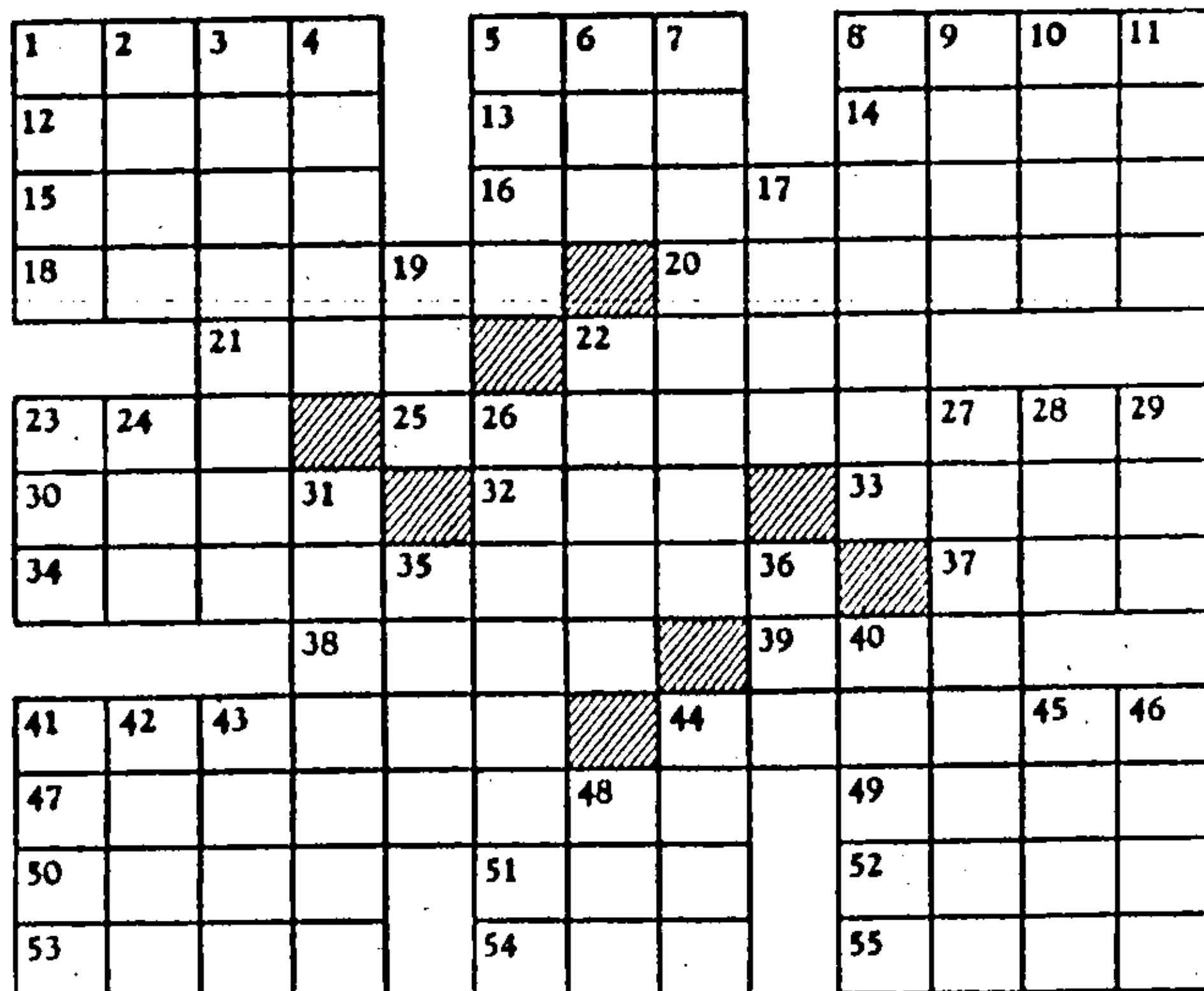
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- 22 Soon
- 23 Mouths of organs
- 25 Appurtenance
- 30 A relative
- 32 Custom
- 33 A portico
- 34 Attorney's fee (pl.)
- 37 Chapeau
- 38 Girl's name
- 39 Beverage
- 41 Stress
- 44 Thorns
- 47 Union general in Civil War

VERTICAL

- 49 Ancestor
- 50 To encourage
- 51 To contend
- 52 Couple
- 53 Observes
- 54 Goal
- 55 Dagger

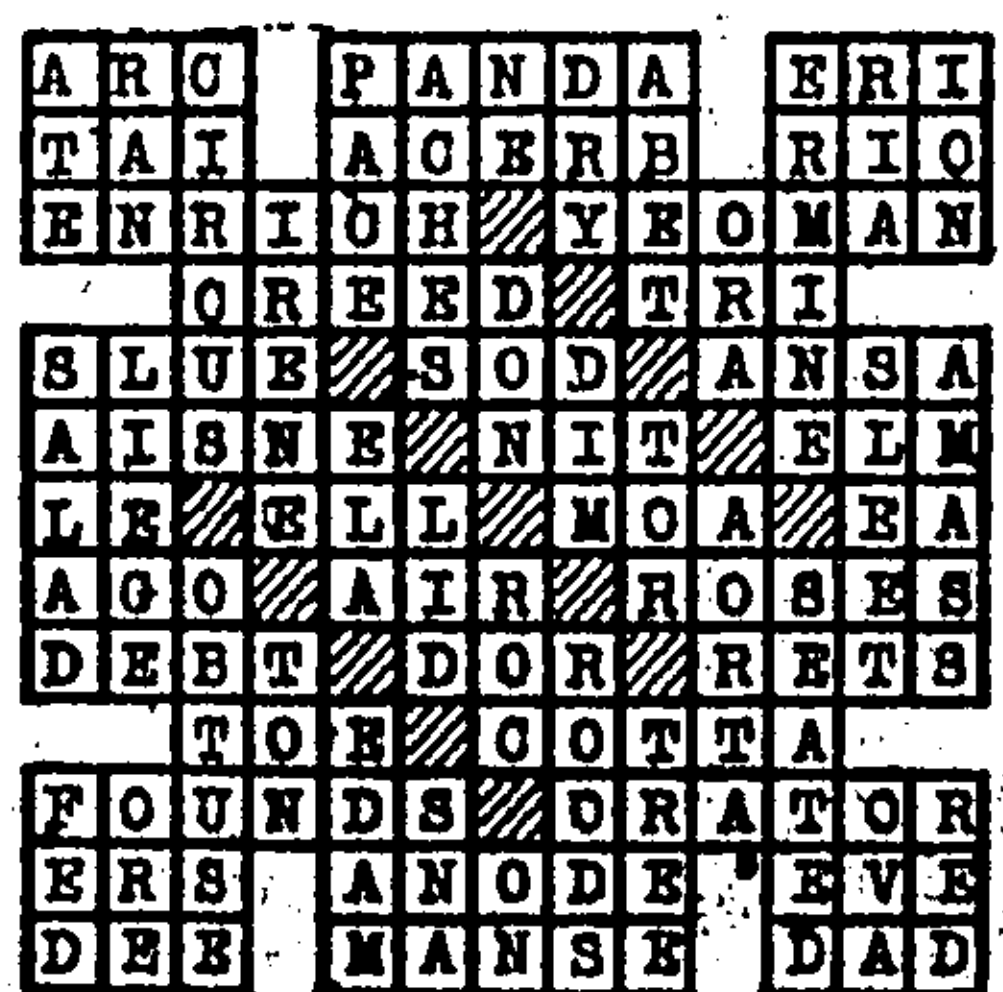
VERTICAL

- 1 Cutting tools
- 2 Tour
- 3 Unlearned
- 4 Rascal
- 5 To defy
- 6 To be due
- 7 To plan
- 8 Claims

VERTICAL

- 9 Retired
- 10 Sound
- 11 Emmets
- 17 Metal
- 19 Body of water
- 22 Parts of churches
- 23 Skull
- 24 To lament over
- 26 Pertaining to punishment
- 27 Greek
- 28 Tibetan gazelle
- 29 To consume
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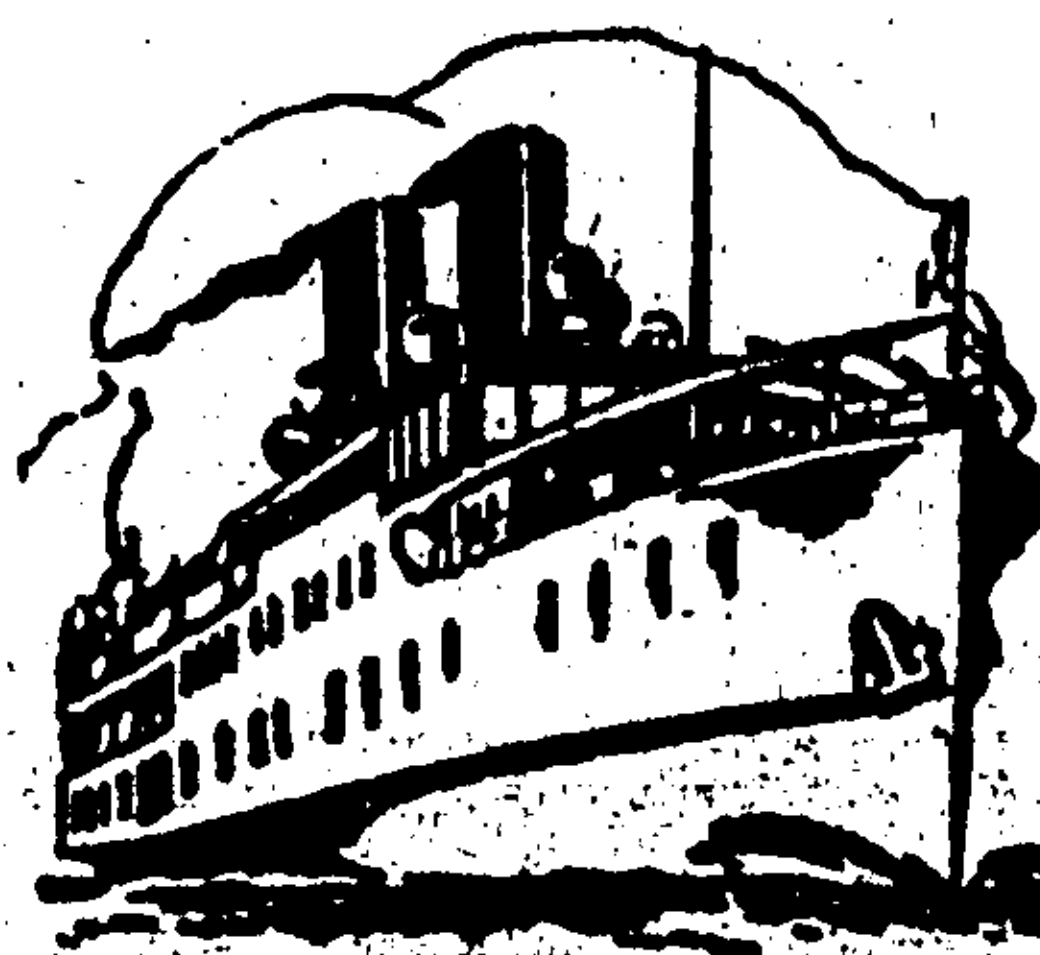
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U.K. MEAT SUPPLY SITUATION

London, To-day. The more satisfactory condition of home meat supplies was shown yesterday by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Food Ministry.

Mr. Lennox-Boyd said: "I think we can claim without boastfulness that the home meat supply situation is improving very considerably indeed."

He revealed that the current week's offerings for sale to the Ministry showed a considerable increase.—British Wireless.

COAL IN BRITAIN

London, To-day. The distribution of coal in Britain has now almost returned to normal. During the past few days, one railway alone employed 25,000 wagons to move over 300,000 tons of coal from collieries to destinations in all parts of the country.—British Wireless.

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LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations to-day:

BANKS

Hong Kong Bank \$1415 b., C.D.

INSURANCES

Canton Ins. \$212½ b.

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Star Ferries \$64 b.

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China Lights (Old) \$7.80 b.

China Lights (New) \$5 b.

H.K. Electrics \$57½ b.

Macao Electrics \$20 b.

Sandakan Lights \$11¼ b.

Telephones (Old) \$26.60 b.

Telephones (New) \$9.60 b.

INDUSTRIALS

Cements \$19.20 b.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Entertainments \$7½ b.

H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 100½ sa.

MANILA SHARES

Antamoks Ps. .16 sa.

Atoks Ps. .19 sa.

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Masbates Ps. .10½ b.

Mind. Mother Lode Ps. .10 b.

Mine Operation Ps. .10 sa.

North Camarines Ps. .11 b.

Paracale Gumaus Ps. .22½ sa.

San Mauricio Ps. .83 b.

Surigao Consol. Ps. .17½ b.

Suyoc Consol. Ps. .13 b.

Syndicate Inv. Ps. .024 sa.

United Paracale Ps. .29½ sa.

MONSTER OF MYSTERY ON THE PROWL

A mystery animal which leaves huge pad marks on the ground is at large in thickly wooded country near Ryde, I.O.W.

The animal is apparently able to leap high fences on which it has left traces of long black hair.

Weird screams have disturbed the district at night, and a woman has been terrified when encountering an animal which she describes as having a head like a lion.

Freshly trapped rabbits, which have been carried away complete with traps are believed to be proving the animal with food.

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RUGBY TOURNAMENT REVISED

(By "SCRUM-HALF")

Due to the fact that the remaining Saturdays have been reserved for other matches, this year's International Rugby Tournament will not pass the semi-final stages, and the programme has been revised as follows:

Ireland v Wales 3 p.m.

England v Scotland 4.15 p.m.

Both games will be played next Saturday on the Navy ground, Causeway Bay.

Following are the teams:

IRELAND:—Mid. Roe (Navy); D. Hynes (Club), B. C. Fay (Police), Mid. Teare (Navy) and R. M. Lavalle (Club); Mid. O'Riordan (Navy) and St. Gallagher (Navy); P. F. Wanklyn (Club), Lt. (E) Brown (Navy) (captain), Cullinan (Police), B. Hynes (Club); J. H. Thornhill (Club), B. O'M. Deane (Club), Dempsey (Police) and Chf/Wtr. King (Navy).

WALES:—H. F. Hopkins (Club); Gnr. Richards (Army), T. O. Morgan (Club), L/C. Waite (Army) and Tel. Bowden (Navy); Lt. Coombe (Army) and Pte. Butler (Army); A. F. Walkden (Club) (captain), L. A. Searle (Police), L. S. A. Palmer (Navy), Gnr. Evans (Army), Flt/Lt. Taylor (Navy), Mid. Murray-Jones (Navy), L/Wtr. Barlow (Navy) and L/Wtr. Ferris (Navy).

ENGLAND:—Lt. Stevens (Navy) (captain); D. I. Bosanquet (Club), J. C. Charter (Club), Tel. Paul (Club) and F. M. Thompson (Club); Lt. Carter (Navy) and E. C. Luscombe (Police); R. E. Heasman (Club), Lt. Hewitt (Army), Pte. Berry (Army), E. A. Bompas (Club), C. F. Needham (Club), Lt. Ridsdale (Army), Innis (Police) and Wright-Nooth (Police).

SCOTLAND:—Taylor (Police); Spr. Birrell (Army), J. Hutchison (Club), C. G. Wilson (Police) and M. G. Carruthers (Club); Lt. Douglas (Army) and J. M. Thomson (Club); I. M. Macrae (Club), Cpl. Sutherland (Army), A. M. Kennedy (Club), 2/Lt. Cuthbertson (Army) (captain), 2/Lt. Millar (Army), 2/Lt. Pinkerton (Army), A. J. G. Taylor (Club) and G. B. Godfrey (Club).

MATCH CANCELLED

Rugby match between Navy "A" and R.A.M.C., scheduled for to-day, has been cancelled.

TREASURY MOVE AFFECTS LONDON STOCK MARKET

London, To-day.

Main topic of conversation on the Stock Exchange yesterday was the British Treasury's requisitioning of certain dollar securities.

Gilt-edged securities improved on the possibilities of re-investment of such funds realised.

Industrials attracted more attention, especially tobaccos, and iron and steel shares and oils improved; Rhodesians and coppers met with buying interest.

Wall Street was steady.—Reuter.

FINNS MOBILISING YOUTH FOR FARMS

Helsinki, To-day.

The radio announces that Finland is to mobilise all youths between the ages of 9 and 18 for agricultural work. They will work on farms which, owing to the calling up of older men, are now left in the hands of women or old people.—Reuter.

Well-informed circles, however, state the men will not yet be treated as regular reservists but will merely be cautioned to be ready for mobilisation at any time.—Reuter.

CANADA'S GROWING PROSPERITY

LONDON, TO-DAY.

SOME INDICATION OF CANADA'S GROWING ECONOMIC STRENGTH AND CONSEQUENTLY INCREASING RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH WAR EFFORT MAY BE REALISED FROM FIGURES PUBLISHED IN THE WEEKLY NEWSPAPER, "ECONOMIST."

Compared with December, 1938, the figures for which month were 68,888,000 dollars, December 1939 shows a 47 per cent. rise in the value of exports at 101,021,522 dollars.

Taking the four-month period from the outbreak of war, the figure for domestic exports is 378,078,739 dollars compared with 317,342,243 for the similar 1938 period.

This shows an increase of 17 per cent. The gross value of agricultural production for 1939 reached a total of 1,133,545,000 dollars, representing the highest recorded figure since 1930 and the advance of 97,000,000 dollars over 1938.

Federal revenue returns show an equally satisfactory increase while the financial resources available are ins-

TOMB OF SOLOMON'S FATHER FOUND

Calro, To-day.

Professor Montet, of Strasbourg University, who last March found the 2,800-year-old tomb of King Shishak, has now discovered on the same site the intact tomb of King Pausanias, of the twenty-first dynasty, who is believed to have been the father-in-law of King Solomon.

Valuable gold objects were found in the tomb.—Reuter.

STABBING INCIDENT

Tam Yiu, 26, boiler maker, was last night admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital, suffering from stab wounds, inflicted in Sai Wan Ho.

tanced by the over-subscription by nearly one-third of the 200,000,000 dollar 3¼ per cent. bonds which were recently offered to the public.—British Wireless.

CHANCE TO REPAY

"If you can produce part, or, the whole of the money within one week, I will be prepared to re-hear your case in order to reconsider the sentence," said Mr. E. Himsforth this morning to Hiu Nin, 30, who, charged with having fraudulently converted a sum of \$1,000, was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

Det.-Sgt. W. G. Morrison told the Court that accused had refunded \$300, and he had asked for a chance to raise some more.

25 SMALLPOX CASES LAST WEEK

The returns of the Medical Department for the week ended February 17 show 25 cases of smallpox (20 deaths), 14 cases of diphtheria (four deaths), two scarlet fever, six typhoid (three deaths), two measles, 15 chicken-pox, 12 meningitis (nine deaths), 18 dysentery (five deaths) and 186 tuberculosis (87 deaths).

Yesterday there were three further smallpox cases, one typhoid, one chicken-pox, one dysentery and 18 tuberculosis.

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Cultural Trends in Latin America by Wilbur Burton
Thoughts and Fancies by Lucas Yu.

POEMS

Three Poems by Brian Corbett.

CHRONICLE

Anthropology Chronicle by Hsu Tsu-i.

TRANSLATION

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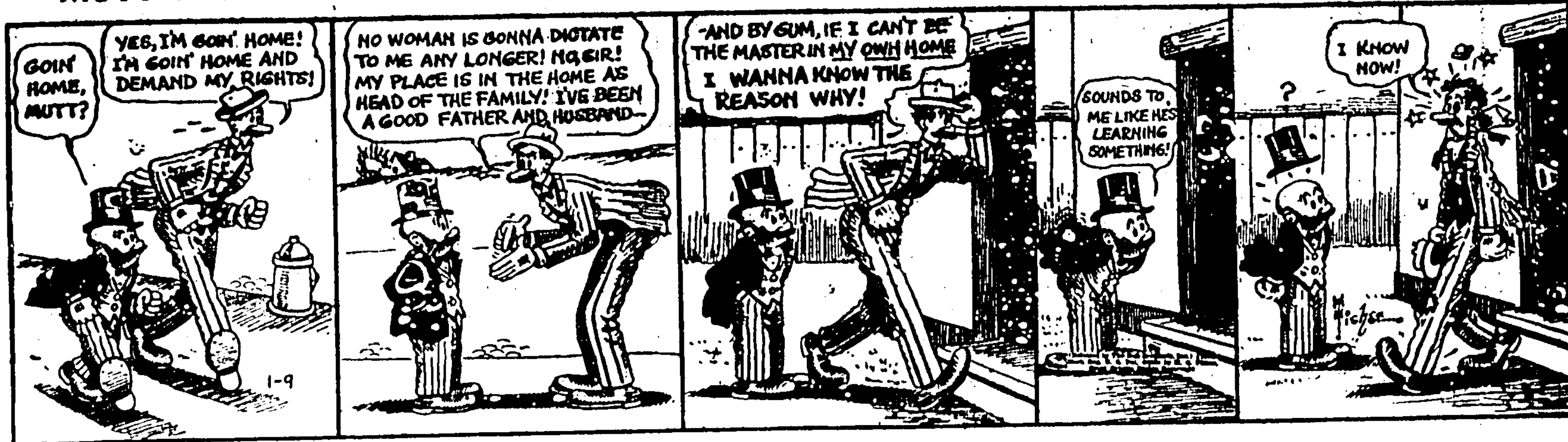
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6.30 p.m.—Popular Classics compered from the Studio.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—An hour of Variety with "Fats" Waller, Turner Layton, Bobby Brpen, Ken Harvey, Mildred Bailey and Others.
Organ—Lonesome Road (Austin and Shilkret, arr. Waller).
Water Boy (arr. Waller).
"Fats" Waller.
Vocal—Lover, Come Back To Me (Hammerstein-Romberg).

To-day's Wireless

ZBW 355 M. (845 k.c.'s) and 31.49 M.
9.52 Megacycles

From the Land of the Sky Blue Water (Eberhart-Cadman).
Mildred Bailey with Her Orch.
Vocal and Piano—A Beautiful Lady In Blue (Lewis and Coots).
Turner Layton.
Vocal—Blue Italian Waters (film 'Fisherman's Wharf').
Fisherman's Chantle (film 'Fisherman's Wharf').
Bobby Breen with Organ accomp.
Banjo—The World Is Waiting for the Sunrise (Seitz).

A Musical Journey from New York to California.
Ken Harvey with Instrumental Quartet.
Vocal and Piano—Sailing Home with the Tide (Connelly and Others).
On Treasure Island (Leslie and Burke).
Turner Layton.
Vocal—Was It Rain? (film 'The Hit Parade').
Sweet Heartache (film 'The Hit Parade').
Frances Langford with Orch.
Piano—Quickstep Medley.
Intro: If I didn't Care; A new moon and an old serenade; The pretty little Quaker Girl; Summer Sweetheart; Wishing; My first Goodnight.
Billy Thorburn with drums.
Vocal—I've Got A Hunch (film 'Let's be Famous').
Betty Driver with Orchestra.
Piano—Viper's Drag (Waller).
Alligator Crawl (Waller).
"Fats" Waller.

9.03 p.m.—Film Selections.
"Rosalia"—Selection (Cole Porter).
...New Mayfair Orchestra with Vocal by Al Bowlly.
"This'll Make You Whistle"—Selection...Louis Levy & His Gaumont British Symphony with Vocal Refrain.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Cards on the Table".

9.45 p.m.—Folk Music of the Nations—II: Russian.

Prelude Slav; From Sunrise to Sunset; Beautiful Moon; Along Petrograd Road; Bake No Bread; Sleep My Baby; Moscow; Ballet from 'Konjok Gorbunio'... Theodore Katz directing the Russian Vagabonds (Saloon Orchestra).
Minutotchka (Wertinsky); The Lord's Fete (Wertinsky)... Alexandre Wertinsky (Tenor) with Piano.
Vanka, The Heartbreaker; Kalinka; Madame; Dark Night; Down the Paved Street; The Meadow; I See The Wonders of Nature; Ah! My Birch Tree... Theodore Katz directing the Russian Vagabonds (Saloon Orchestra).

10.05 p.m.—Songs by Beniamino Gigli (Tenor).
If My Mother Only Know (Nutille); Night of Love (Di Leo-De Crescenzo); April (Pagliara-Tosti)... with Orchestral accompaniment.

Variety
Programmes:
Russian Songs

10.18 p.m.—Concert by The London Palladium Orchestra and Mavis Bennett (Soprano).
The Grasshopper's Dance (Bucalossi); La Sesta (Norton, arr. Lotter)... The London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Richard Crea. Wine, Women and Song (Strauss)... Mavis Bennett (Soprano) with Orchestra.
I Hear You Calling Me (Marshall, arr. Haydn Wood); Bird of Love Divine (Haydn Wood)... The London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Richard Crea.
Solveig's Song ('Peer Gyn't'—Grieg); Lo, Here The Gentle Lark (Blshop)... Mavis Bennett (Soprano) with Piano.
"The Rose"—Selection of English Melodies (arr. Myddleton); Scenes Pittoresques—Angelus (Massenet)... The London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Richard Crea.
11.00 p.m.—Close down.

ARMY BOXING

The semi-finals of the Hong Kong Area Individual (Inter-unit) novices boxing championships were held at Murray Barracks last night.

Following were the results:—
Lightweight:—Pte. Coles (Middlesex) beat Pte. Haymes (Royal Scots). Pte. Smith (Royal Scots) knocked out Pte. Hall (Royal Scots).

Featherweight:—Pte. Forrest (Royal Scots) beat Pte. Clelland (Royal Scots). Pte. Corrigan (Royal Scots) beat Pte. Anderson (Seaforth Highlanders).

The finals will be held on Thursday at 8.30 p.m.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 13/16.

Silver was quoted in London yesterday at 20-3/4 for Spot and 20-11/16 for forward.

The London on New York rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.025 and the New York on London rate at £—U.S.\$3.95-1/4.

MR. EDEN HOME

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
London, To-day.

Mr. Eden on his return from the Near East, was received in audience by His Majesty the King at Buckingham Palace last night.—Havas.

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CREATING AN END-PLAY

To-day's hand was played in the Ace-King of clubs and the Ace of spades. Now the last heart was played to dummy, and East discarded the diamond nine. At this point East was down to his three good spades and the Ace-Queen of diamonds. The rest is obvious. East was thrown in with a spade and after running off four tricks, had to concede the last trick to dummy's King of diamonds. By deliberately setting up his opponents' suit, Declarer had created an end-play situation which provided the ninth trick.

Yesterday, with neither side vulnerable, you and your partner (Oswald Jacoby) had partial score of 60. You held:

♠ x x
♥ x x x x
♦ Q x x
♣ x x x

The bidding:
Jacoby Schenken You Maier
1♠ Pass 1NT Pass
3♥ Pass (?) Pass

ANSWER: Your correct bid is to pass. After all, if there is a Slam in this hand, your partner should have opened with a two-bid.
Score 100% for pass, 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION NO. 338

You are Merwin Maier's partner to-day and hold:

♠ x x
♥ Q x x
♦ x x x
♣ Q x x x

The bidding:
Maier Burnstone You Schenken
2NT Pass (?) Pass

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

Duplicate Bridge
South, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

♠ 6 3 ♠ K J 9 8 2
♥ 8 7 ♥ 10 9 4
♦ J 8 5 2 ♦ A Q 9
♣ J 9 8 7 4 ♣ Q 3

♠ A Q
♥ K Q 6 3
♦ 7 6 4
♣ A K 10 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1♠ Pass 1♥ 1♠
2NT Pass 3NT Pass
Pass Pass

West opened a spade. East played the eight and Declarer won with the Queen. South could count four heart tricks, two spades and two clubs, but the ninth trick might prove elusive since it appeared more than likely that East, who had made a vulnerable overcall, would hold the diamond Ace. However, the Declarer was a versatile player and he saw a way to make his contract if East held no more than two clubs.

Three rounds of hearts were played and Declarer then proceeded to cash

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SOFTBALL NOTES

First-Class Tussle Between U.S.S. Ashville And Recreio

Homers By Sondag, Blacerek And E.L. Gosano

C.B.A. JUST LOSE TO VICTORIA R.C.

(By "GRANDSTAND")

IN A CURTAILED programme the U. S. S. Ashville-Recreio game was the only tussle which provided fans with some first class entertainment at King's Park on Sunday.

Of the five tilts scheduled only three were played in the Men's League. Liga forfeited to Hongkong Baseball Club and Trojans forfeited to Chung Hwa.

In the opening fray on Recreio ground, Recreio Bees, fielding most of their rookies, did not have much trouble in giving International Athletic Club a well earned 8-4 trouncing.

Jackie Noronha opposed Sherry Bux on the firing line. The former allowed the Fort Street boys to nick him for four bingles while his teammates garnered five blows off Bux. I.A.C. bungled six to the Bees' five.

Lady bad luck was again with the C.B.A. huskies on Sunday when they took a last frame beating in the hands of Victoria Recreation Club. The final score was 9-2.

The score was knotted 2-2 in the seventh stanza. In this canto portsider Vic Bond, who did very well indeed on the mound for six innings, lost control and had difficulty in finding the platter. He walked four, struck out one and yielded four safeties. C.B.A. touched Kelly Silva-Netto for four hits, and six C.B.A. huskies went down swinging in the hands of the mighty "Mow 'em down" Kelly and only three passes to the first station.

George Fowler came to the rescue in the critical seventh but his benders were not effective enough to stop a seven-run rally by the swimmers.

GREAT BALL

V.R.C. played great ball, booting only twice while the British boys bobbled no less than seven times with unfortunate Joe Higgins booting four at the windy alley. This was the first time that Joe was seen cavorting at short and maybe the last!

Two dazzling double plays were dished out in this tilt. In the fourth C.B.A.'s rightfielder Geoff Spence layh gathered a fly off Luigi Soares' bat

and caught Joe Marques napping at the initial sack. In the sixth Luigi Soares nabbed Joe Higgins' sky scraper at right field and nailed George Guravetch at the hot corner.

	R.	H.	E.
V.R.C.	101000	7-9	7 2
C.B.A.	000002	0-2	4 7

In the nightcap at C.B.A. a handful of fans saw a strengthened Filipino squad give Kenny Wong's Forumers a 14-4 plastering.

The Wongmen shattered a long-established record by booting 16 chances, a record that the Girls' League can probably duplicate! Tommy Young and Babe Chinn topped the miscue list with five bobbles apiece.

The game was keenly contested till the third canto when the Southern boys staged a merry-go-round which netted them eight tallies to salt the game away. Forum tried desperately but were blanked in the remaining four innings.

A triple by Harry Campos and a double by Vancy Marques were the longest hits of the struggle.

	R.	H.	E.
Filipinos	328001	x-14	7 3
Forum	202000	0-4	5 16

At 3 p.m. all eyes were turned on the Recreio ground to witness the local champs crumble, 7-3, in the hands of the American Bluejackets from U.S.S. Ashville. The game was featured by some heavy hitting. Sonny Sondag and C. A. Blacerek homered for Ashville and E. L. Gosano hammered a Ruthian clout for Recreio.

EVEN HITTING

Hits were evenly divided — eight apiece. Johnny Alvares struck out six to chucker Sloan's none. Sloan walked one and Johnny two. Recreio bootied four to Ashville's three.

Batting honours were shared by Nick Beltrao and Sonny Sondag for an average of .750 but the latter had more wood on the ball including a homer, a double and a single in four times up.

Outstanding fielder for Ashville was "Freezer" Leis at the left pastures. His one-handed running shag of Zinho Gosano's sky scraper was just about the best catch seen on the Rec. ground.

	R.	H.	E.
Ashville	003301	0-7	8 3
Recreio	201000	0-3	8 4

SCORES AT A GLANCE

MEN			
Recreio "B"	8	International	4
V.R.C.	9	C.B.A.	2
Filipinos	14	Forum	4
GIRLS			
Ball Girls	12	Pirates	4
Wahoos	14	Panthers	7
FRIENDLY			
U.S.S. Asheville	7	Recreio	3
All Stars	11	Asheville	10

SOFTBALL GIRLS.

'RED' CAIRNS' GREAT GAME

Only two games were played in the girls' section. The much-awaited Canadian Chinese-Wildcats game was postponed on account of a Rugby game on the Prince Edward Road ground on Sunday afternoon.

In the opener, Ball Girls walloped a disorganised Pirate squad 12-4.

Maudie Read who toed the rubber for the Bucs, was not so steady on the mound. She was touched for 12 hits and walked one. Thelma Collaco allowed the Pirates to nick her for six blows, fanned one and passed three.

Charito Esmail's two doubles and a two bagger by Paddy Seats were the only distance blows of the fray.

Several changes were made in the Pirate line-up, and the transfer of "Red" Cairns to the keystone bag was a boon to the Pirate defence. She played like a veteran in her new position to the surprise of Coach Dave "Colonel" Walker et al.

Mary Penson was transferred behind the plate in the fifth in favour of Paddy Seats and proved to be a much better back stop than the latter. Her pegging to second should earn her a regular first string berth as hind snatcher.

	R.	H.	E.
Ballgirls	341	310	x-12
Pirates	110	200	0-4

The curtain closer saw Wahoos sailing easily for a 14-7 victory over Baby Panthers.

Both teams played haphazard ball. Wahoos bungling eight chances and the Panthers 12. Both pitchers chucked on even terms. Chief Wahoo Therese Noronha fanned four and walked two and Irene "halfpint" Tavares whiffed five and issued three Annie Oakleys. The green-shirted owls banged out eight hits to Panthers' six.

	R.	H.	E.
Wahoos	003301	0-7	8 3
Recreio	201000	0-3	8 4

Celeste Marques topped the batting

CRICKET

GROSE JUST MISSES HIS 100

Despite a fine score against Club in the opening match of their annual cricket week, Volunteers yesterday lost by the large margin of eight wickets.

Volunteers batted first and D. J. N. Anderson and E. Zimmern hoisted 90 for the first wicket. Useful scores by R. T. Broadbridge and E. C. Fincher saw this total increased to 150 for 4 and a declaration was made at 178 for 8.

Most successful bowlers for Club were Lt. Comdr. Finnie and Sgt. Denyer.

Club made light of the task confronting them. Capt. Grose settled down to play good aggressive cricket and hit 14 fours and three sixes in an innings of 94.

He took part in partnerships of 43, for the first wicket, with J. E. Richardson, 67 for the second with Sgt. Denyer, and 79 for the third with M. F. L. Haymes. Denyer and Haymes both hit seven boundaries.

H.K.V.D.C.

D. J. N. Anderson, l.b.w., b Haymes	42
E. Zimmern, c Grose, b Finnie	37
R. T. Broadbridge, l.b.w., b Haymes	24
E. C. Fincher, c Mitchell, b Denyer	26
F. R. Zimmern, b Stark	11
D. de S. Carey, l.b.w., b Denyer	2
R. H. Griffiths, c Haymes, b Finnie	6
R. M. King, b Denyer	16
N. D. Lloyd, not out	18
Extras (B12, LB3)	14

Total (for 8 wks. dec.) 178
H. L. Ozorio and C. G. Aitkenhead did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Stark	7	2	23	1
Haymes	9	0	65	2
Finnie	6	0	18	2
Denyer	8	0	40	3
Robb	3	0	17	0

H.K.C.C.

Capt. D. C. E. Grose, l.b.w., b Ozorio	94
J. E. Richardson, c F. R. Zimmern, b Ozorio	13
Sgt. Denyer, c Anderson, b Lloyd	40
M. F. L. Haymes, not out	40
D. O. Parsons, c King, b Lloyd	0
D. S. Robb, l.b.w., b Ozorio	0
Extras (B10, LB1)	11

Total (for 5 wks.) 186
E. J. R. Mitchell, Capt. F. Lawrence, A. K. Mackenzie, C. M. Stark and Lieut. Comdr. W. Finnie did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
F. R. Zimmern	7	0	67	0
Ozorio	7	0	74	3
Aitkenhead	5	0	37	0
Lloyd	2.4	0	29	2

TO-DAY'S MATCHES

At Cox's Road to-day Volunteers will be entertained by Kowloon Cricket Club. The match will start at 2 p.m.

A League match between R.A.F. and K.C.C. in Junior Division will be played at Sookunpoo.

lost with three sections in four times up. A double killing was pulled off by the Wahoos. In the second frame Therese Noronha snatched Theresa Butello's popped fly and doubled Teresa Marques at the middle ball.

BADMINTON

CHAMPIONS BEATEN

Chinese Y.M.C.A. made considerable progress towards the Senior Badminton League championship last night when they beat the holders, University "A", by the decisive margin of 6 games to 3 at Bridges Street.

The difficult conditions of the court probably had a great deal to do with University's defeat but nevertheless, the performance of the "Y" players was a very good one.

Most successful home pair were C. Au and H. Koh, who, although extended on each occasion, won all three games.

P. K. Hui and K. L. Yong, Colony doubles champions, met with most success for University, winning two games.

P. H. Wong and F. Koh (Chinese "Y") lost to P. K. Hui and K. L. Yong 17-21 beat H. F. Chew and C. K. Lee 21-7 beat M. S. Lim and P. S. Sun 21-22

A. C. Chung and H. M. Lau (Chinese "Y") lost to Hui and Yong 22-25 beat Chew and Lee 22-25 lost to Lim and Sun 15-21

C. Au and M. Koh (Chinese "Y") beat Hui and Yong 21-12 beat Chew and Lee 22-25 beat Lim and Sun 22-25

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Not since 1936, when Eve's Honeymoon Eve beat Mr. Dynasty's King's Lead by a short head, have we seen such a thrilling Derby as that which took place yesterday at the Valley.

Burford, "dark horse" of the race—it was the first time it had started in a race at the Valley—was short of a gallop due to the anxiety it caused while in training and this was primarily responsible for its defeat at the hands of a very able opponent. Another factor contributing to its downfall was the early call made on it by Mr. Pih when going up to the Rock. The effort was made too soon and Mr. Moller gave him no rope at all, having the advantage of the rails position, while Burford had to go up on the outside of Spiclight. It was still a very close race, however, uncomfortably close for the many supporters of Satinlight, and only really hard riding by Mr. Moller enabled the favourite to secure the Blue Riband by half a length.

Burford is probably the better pony and it will cause no surprise if it turns the tables on Satinlight the next time they meet, and, unless it goes out again to-day and wins, it is unlikely to be in to-morrow's Champion Stakes.

In two days' racing Mr. "Boojie" Moller has won for his father the Challenge Cup, Maiden Stakes, Trial Plate, Lusitano Cup and the Derby, a truly remarkable performance.

Mr. Moller Sr. is an excellent judge of horseflesh, supervises the training of his ponies, knows perfectly where to start them and his son rides them. What better combination could there be?

Racelyght, winner of the Lusitano Cup, is going to take a lot of beating in sprint events as its record for half a mile and 170 yards clearly shows, and another sprinter which is in excellent condition at the moment is Eve's Eve of Heaven, winner of the Amoy Handicap (first section) in 1.23.1, only two-fifths of a second outside Spiclight's new six furlongs record, though it was out 5lb. below weight for inches.

Absentees among the riders were Messrs. R. M. Wood, Ho Hung-pong and S. W. Tang, while newcomers were Messrs. S. Judah and H. J. Cowie. Ellandee and Eve both recorded their first major success, while Fans, Mr. G. Trevorton, Mr. Yick Chim and E.S.K., all of whom met with no success on the opening day, recorded wins. Lady Northcote had a third, Mrs. Stanton had two seconds and Mrs. Eu Tong-sen a third to join the ranks of successful lady owners.

(Other Sports on Page 15)

HOLES IN ONE

Playing over the Old Course at Fanling on February 7, A. Mabb played the 12th hole, "The Gem," which measures 145 yards, in one stroke.

This coveted feat was again accomplished yesterday when R. Young, on the seventh ("The Bog") at Fanling, did the 175-yard hole in one.

LEADING JOCKEYS & OWNERS

Following shows how the jockeys and owners fared during the first two days:

Jockeys	1st	2nd	3rd	Un.
R. B. Moller	5	0	1	0
D. Black	3	1	2	11
P. Y. T. Wei	2	4	1	9
H. J. A. Hearne	2	1	1	5
V. V. Needa	1	2	2	8
H. C. Pih	1	2	2	13
W. H. S. Davis	1	2	0	2
F. Marshall	1	2	0	6
G. P. Gram	1	2	0	8
L. B. Chao	1	1	2	8
S. W. Pan	1	1	1	6
S. C. Liang	1	1	0	6
B. L. Tao	1	1	0	13
C. Encarnacao	1	0	4	8
B. A. Proulx	0	1	1	6
Tang Man Wa	0	1	0	2
Ip Kui Ying	0	0	1	3

H. M. Botelho	0	0	1	6
R. M. Wood	0	0	0	1
Ho Hung Pong	0	0	0	1
H. J. Cowie	0	0	0	1
S. Judah	0	0	0	1
Ho Hong Ping	0	0	0	2
S. W. Tang	0	0	0	2
C. F. Chiu	0	0	0	4
I. H. Howell	0	0	0	5
Hoo Pak Ming	0	0	0	5
S. L. Yuen	0	0	0	7
W. G. Poy	0	0	0	10

Owners	1st	2nd	3rd
Cire	5	0	2
L. Dunbar	2	2	2
Lucky	2	0	2
Mrs. J. H. Taggart	1	1	1
Lan	1	1	1
Eve	1	1	0
Ellandee	1	1	0
Diamonds	1	0	1
Iron	1	0	0
Mrs. A. E. Grasett	1	0	0
J. F. Macgregor	1	0	0
Fans	1	0	0
G. Trevorton	1	0	0
Yick Chim	1	0	0
E. S. K.	1	0	0
Lee Bros.	1	0	0
C. W. K.	0	2	0
Marber	0	2	0
Mrs. Stanton	0	2	0
Tang Man Wa	0	1	1
S. W. Lee	0	1	1
John Peel	0	1	0
S. M. K.	0	1	0
H. Leigh	0	1	0
Yly	0	1	0
Dr. S. N. Chau	0	1	0
S. L. K.	0	1	0
Li Shiu Hang	0	1	0
Quartermaster	0	1	0
Vilaja	0	0	1
J. G. Whittaker	0	0	1
S. T. Williamson	0	0	1
Eu Tong-sen	0	0	1
Lady Northcote	0	0	1
Cocoa	0	0	1
Mrs. Eu Tong-sen	0	0	1

RAPIER'S SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY

RACE NO. 1 EVE OF HARVEST BEAR CLAW RED FEATHER Outsider:—Rob Roy.	RACE NO. 2 SPICLIGHT DUPONT BAY POSSIBLE Outsider:—White Diamond.	RACE NO. 3 A ROARING TIME HAPPY LANDINGS SNOWY RIVER Outsider:—Centre Court.	RACE NO. 4 CELTIC STAR STRATHBANNOK GUINNESS TIME Outsider:—Clowner.
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RACE NO. 5 SEA JAY FLYING DUTCHMAN BUSYLIGHT Outsider:—Circe.	RACE NO. 6 MURRUMBIDGEE PUMPERNICKEL BREDON Outsider:—Derby Day.	RACE NO. 7 CHATTERBOX PIET HEIN WILBER Outsider:—Night View.	RACE NO. 8 FAR VIEW SAPPER AUSTRALIAN DIAMOND Outsider:—Sparrow.
RACE NO. 9 PHOENIX MATADOR BRESSAY Outsider:—Ebony Idol.	RACE NO. 10 BURFORD CRAIGAVAD MOUNT HOPE BAY Outsider:—Gretber.	RACE NO. 11 MELODY STAR ALBURY CONNIEBER Outsider:—Nancy Lee.	DAILY DOUBLE CHATTERBOX AND PHOENIX

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

(By "SQUADDY")

The Third Division of the Football League promises to have an exciting finish according to positions at the present moment. This is how the three leading teams stand.

	P.	F.	A.	Pts.
24th Bty. R.A.	19	56	28	29
S. China	17	49	22	24
R.A.S.C.	16	61	20	23

The two Army teams have the advantage but neither of them can afford to make a slip. In theory—if 24th Bty. and R.A.S.C. win all their remaining fixtures they will finish up equal and will have to play off for the championship. However this is impossible as on Saturday, 25th., these two teams meet in a League fixture and points will be dropped somewhere.

The ground will give the R.A. an advantage but the strong forward line of the R.A.S.C. will want some holding. To my mind it will be a question of whether the Service Corps halves will be able to help their forwards properly. The R.A. play a bustling game and this, combined with the unusual nature of the ground, will probably mean they will be able to knock

the opposing forwards off their game. On the other hand, however, R.A.S.C. have a set of forwards which take a lot of bustling and their football ability may carry them through. Whatever the result it will be an excellent game I am sure.

ON Saturday R.A.S.C. played their first fixture in the Small Units Rugby League against R.A.M.C. and although they held out grimly until well into the second half the Medicals proved too strong and eventually ran out winners by 9 points to nil. Morgan (penalty goal) Whybros (try) and Minney (try) were the scorers. R.A.S.C. have lost their hard working player—secretary Pte. Clifton, who has gone to hospital. We hope they still manage to carry on successfully and if they require encouragement look at the previous results of this League! Medicals expect to strengthen their team in the next fixture by the inclusion of an ex-Swansea player in Pte. Pratt. Great things are expected

of this fine three quarter.

ARMY first XI did well to beat I.R.C. at cricket on Saturday. Sgt. Denyer gave an excellent all-round performance by scoring 43 and finishing up his bowling with 5 for 48. Sgt. Webb was prominent again with the bat, being top scorer of the match with 48.

The second XI couldn't live up to the standard of the seniors and were well beaten. There is great difficulty in finding players for the junior XI and all secretaries are requested to submit the names of any budding stars to the Hon. Secretary Army Cricket.

THE 1940 RACING GUIDE

Following gives the first three in every race, the distance, the time, won by, weight and jockey, and the figure AMI denotes the first day of the Annual Meeting and A.M.2 the second day:

China Ponies

1/2 Mile 170 Yards:— 1.04.3 (record)—Racelyght (Moller, 161); 2. Possible (Tang Man Wa, 158); 3. White Diamond (Pih, 158). 4 and 2. A.M.2.	Six Furlongs:— 1.22.4 (record)—Spiclight (Moller, 161); 2. Craigavad (Liang, 161); 3. Possible (Wei, 158). 6 and 1/2. A.M.1.	1.23.1— Eve of Heaven (Marshall, 156); 2. Humdrum Eve (Pih, 151); 3. Lilliber (Gram, 152). 2 and dead heat. A.M.2.	1.25.2— Lancashire Lass (Chao, 154); 2. Oak Bay (Needa, 146); 3. Peaceful View (Pih, 156). 1 1/2 and 1. A.M.2.
1 Mile:— 2.02.0—Musketeer (Liang, 157); 2. Celtic Star (Marshall, 165); 3. Rose Evelyn (Encarnacao, 165). 4 and 2. A.M.2.	1 Mile 171 Yards:— 2.12.2—Tampa Bay (Wei, 159); 2. Boolat Bay (Tao, 163); 3. Galveston Bay (Hearne, 156). Short head and short head. A.M.1.	2.13.4— Strathbannock (Black, 163); 2. Guinness Time (Wei, 155); 3. Clowner (Ip, 148). Short head and 2 1/2. A.M.1.	1 1/2 Miles:— 2.22.0—Confusion Bay (Black, 159); 2. Eve of Harvest (Marshall, 148); 3. Navy-light (Moller, 162). 2 and 1/2. A.M.2.
2.24.1— Satinlight (Moller, 161); 2. Gretber (Gram, 161); 3. Mount Hope Bay (Black, 161). 5 and many. A.M.1.	1 1/2 Miles:— 2.50.4 (record)—Satinlight (Moller, 161); 2. Burford (Pih, 161); 3. Craigavad (Encarnacao, 161). 1/2 and many. A.M.2.	1 3/4 Miles:— 3.41.3—Navylight (Moller, 161); 2. Confusion Bay (Black, 161); 3. Eve of Harvest (Encarnacao, 158). Neck and many. A.M.1.	

Australian Ponies

Six Furlongs:— 1.16.2—Far View (Pih, 155); 2. Sparrow (Wei, 152); 3. Sea Jay (Proulx, 155). 8 and 4. A.M.1.	1.17.2— Lancashire Chips (Wei, 155); 2. Criffel (Needa, 150); 3. Double Finesse (S. W. Pan, 140). 4 and short head. A.M.1.	1.17.4— Australian Diamond (Tao, 155); 2. Melody Star (Proulx, 155); 3. Lucky Lady (Needa, 153). Short head and 2. A.M.1.	1.17.4— Sapper (Encarnacao, 155); 2. Contact (Davis, 152); 3. Viceroy (Chao, 155). 3 and 1. A.M.1.
1.19.2— Ruby Star (S. W. Pan, 136); 2. Heinz (Davis, 135); 3. Violet Queen (Chao, 153). Short head and short head. A.M.2.	1 Mile:— 1.46.2—Contact (Davis, 152); 2. Ascot Day (Chao, 155); 3. Busylight (H. M. Botelho, 147). 6 and 1/2. A.M.2.	1.46.1— Lucky Lady (Hearne, 155) and Amicus Curiae (Gram, 155); 3. Albury (Encarnacao, 155). Dead heat and 1. A.M.2.	1 1/4 Miles:— 2.14.1—Lucky Lad (Needa, 154); 2. Baffin Bay (Hearne, 145); 3. Devonian (Black, 150). 1 1/2 and 1. A.M.2.
2.16.3— Baffin Bay (Hearne, 160); 2. Tornado Star (Wei, 148); 3. Lucky Lad (Needa, 160). Short head and short head. A.M.1.	2.19.0— Brutus (Black, 158); 2. Discovery Bay (Wei, 145); 3. Twilight Star (S. W. Pan, 149). 5 and dead heat. A.M.2.		

INDOOR BOWLING

ALLEY TEAM WIN AGAIN

In a 10-pin match at the bowling alleys yesterday, the Alley Team beat U.S.S. Mindanao by 100.

	J. H. Watts	J. S. Landolt	H. Blount	J. R. Fawcett
	177	170	100	137
	211	879		
	126	204	178	157
	181	846		
	149	161	175	155
	175	815		
	124	214	147	155
	162	802		

Total 3,342

	J. A. Harvey	D. M. Keplinger	E. P. Hollis	J. T. Sheehan
	210	140	148	155
	178	831		
	150	162	161	178
	170	821		
	153	144	181	143
	171	792		
	154	171	131	115
	129	700		

Total 3,144

The Chief Petty Officers of U.S.S. Asheville have challenged the regular Asheville team to a match at 8 p.m. to-morrow. J. A. Harvey of the Asheville will deputise for Douglas of the Mindanao.

At Happy Valley, G. Willerton returned a card of 80-12-68 to qualify for the Adamson Cup Competition, February qualifying round.

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The tiffin interval will be after the fourth race on the first four days of the Meeting.

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Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

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A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy, (Tel. 21920).

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting. No amahs will be allowed on the Fifth Day.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

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By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
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Hong Kong, 11th February, 1940.

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ENTRIES WILL DEFINITELY CLOSE at the Hon. Secretary's office, Stock Exchange Building, Ice House Street, at NOON ON THURSDAY, the 22nd February, 1940, but intending exhibitors are requested to send in their entries as early as possible.

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Mt. Parker	1734
Mountain Lodge	1725
The Eyrie	1725
Peak Tram Station	1808
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THIRD DAY'S RACING

(Continued from Page 11.)
5—ALBURY STAKES—(First Section)—About Half Mile 170 Yards.
Neerlandia's Flying Dutchman 152 lb. (V. V. Needa) 1*
Yly's Sparrow 153 lb. (L. B. Chao) 1*
S. T. Williamson's Sea Jay 155 lb. (B. A. Proulx) 3

* Dead heat.
Also ran:—A Green Time, 152 lb., (P. Y. T. Wei); Cairntoul, 156 lb., (I. H. Howell); Grand Allegiance, 152 lb., (H. C. Pih); Income Tax, 150 lb., (Ho Hong-ping); Many Thanks, 155 lb., (C. Encarnacao); Quick Despatch, 155 lb., (S. L. Yuen); and Springhurst, 152 lb., (W. G. Poy).
10 Starters. Won by dead heat; short head. Time: 10.2; 34.3; 1.01.0.
Pari-mutuel, winner (Sparrow) \$8.10; (Flying Dutchman) \$11.90; places, 1st (Sparrow) \$5.60; (Flying Dutchman) \$5.80; 3rd \$5.50.

BETTING FIGURES

	Win	Place
Sparrow	1589	1248
Sea Jay	1529	1547
Many Thanks	852	737
Flying Dutchman	708	960
A Green Time	69	143
Springhurst	49	77
Cairntoul	11	30
Quick Despatch	11	28
Income Tax	4	21
Grand Allegiance	withdrawn	

6—KILLARA HANDICAP—Six Furlongs.
Lucky's Sydney Lad 155 lb. (H. J. A. Hearne) 1
J. H. Jessen's Pumpnickel 152 lb. (B. A. Proulx) 2
Dr. S. N. Chau's Derby Day 155 lb. (L. B. Chao) 3
Also ran:—Blandford, 157 lb., (W. G. Poy); Bredon, 150 lb., (G. Treverton); Happy Landings, 152 lb., (W. H. S. Davis); and Rising Star, 137 lb., (S. (Continued at Foot of Next Col.)

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A splendid gesture was made by the Jockey Club this afternoon when it was announced that their entire commission on the Derby Sweep, totalling \$133,000, would be divided equally between the British War Organisation Fund and the British Fund for the Relief of Distress in China.

Havas Helsinki correspondent says that Field-Marshal Mannerheim is raining terrific hammer blows on the Red Army forces on the Lake Ladoga front. He states that another Russian division north-east of Lake Ladoga has been cut off from its base.

W. Pan).
7 Starters. Won by neck; 2½ lengths.
Time: 24.4, 50.1, 1.17.3.
Pari-mutuel, winner \$10.70; places, 1st \$7.30; 2nd \$7.90; 3rd \$13.00.
Time: 24.4, 50.1, 1.17.3.

BETTING FIGURES

	Win	Place
Happy Landings	1800	1315
Sydney Lad	1258	1090
Pumpnickel	810	868
Rising Star	307	380
Derby Day	289	316
Bredon	164	195
Blandford	144	142

7—CHEFOO HANDICAP—(First Section)—About One Mile 171 Yards.
Li Po Chun's This Time 140 lb. (P. Y. T. Wei) 1
Lan's Night View 163 lb. (H. C. Pih) 2
Lucky's Some Hope 145 lb. (H. J. A. Hearne) 3

Also ran:—Chatterbox, 155 lb., (L. B. Chao); Dekko, 141 lb., (Hoo Pak Ming); Double Chance, 148 lb., (F. Marshall); Gold Coin, 153 lb., (C. Encarnacao); Golden Cow, 152 lb., (S. C. Liang); Kut Cheung, 155 lb., (H. M. Botelho); Piet Hein, 152 lb., (V. V. Needa); Plain View, 150 lb., (W. G. Poy); Smiling Time, 145 lb., (D. Black); Strathdoon, 153 lb., (R. M. Wood); The Tigress, 148 lb., (S. L. Yuen); West Lake, 153 lb., (S. W. Pan); Wilber, 147 lb., (G. P. Gram); and Willynilly, 150 lb., (C. F. Chiu).

17 Starters. Won by 1½ lengths; short head. Time: 12; 42.2; 1.14.3; 1.46; 2.17.

Pari-mutuel, winner \$39.10; places, 1st \$15.70; 2nd \$38.40; 3rd \$39.80.

Piet Hein, the favourite, led all the way and then gave way to This Time. Some Hope and Night View challenged strongly.

8—ROOTY-HILL DERBY
Far View 1
Sapper 2
Amicus Curiae 3

CASH SWEEP
Race 8
No. 3392 \$2875.60
" 394 821.60
" 5798 410.80
Unplaced runners (\$50 each), Nos.: 4851, 4699, 4297, 4013, 2905, 5013.

9—CHEFOO HANDICAP
(SECOND SECTION)
PHOENIX 1
EMERGENCY CALL 2
BRE88AY 3

CASH SWEEP
RACE 9.
No. 3813 \$2735.60
" 2033 \$781.60
" 462 \$390.80
Unplaced runners (\$50 each), Nos.: 4693, 280, 947, 1441, 4883, 3868, 2007, 2829, 3700, 2381.

10—RACING STAKES
BURFORD 1
O-LAN 2
DUPONT BAY 3

CASH SWEEP
RACE 10.
No. 4462 \$2930.20
" 5982 \$837.20
" 2710 \$418.60
Unplaced runners (\$50 each), Nos.: 1293, 3845, 6095, 4569, 4953, 942, 3184, 2268, 2375.

11—ALBURY STAKES
(SECOND SECTION)
MELODY STAR 1
SPRING SHINE 2
PRINCESS CLARO 3

CASH SWEEP
RACE 11.
No. 173 \$5857.60
" 5572 \$1673.60
" 5471 \$836.80
Unplaced runners (\$100 each, Nos.: 2438, 3277, 2603, 5543, 5015, 4187.

The Daily Double This Time and Phoenix: paid \$87.30.

The Volunteers playing K.C.C. this afternoon scored 203 runs for 9 wickets and declared at 4.30 p.m. The scores were:

A. E. Perry, c Brokenshire, b Anderson 33; D. de F. Carey, c E. C. Fincher, b Baxter 13; F. R. Zimmer, c and b Anderson 12; R. H. Griffiths, lbw., b Baxter 19; H. Owen-Hughes, c Mackay, b Anderson 44; E. J. R. Mitchell, b E. F. Fincher 12; A. K. Mackenzie, st. Mackay, b Baxter 17; D. L. Pearson, b E. F. Fincher 25; R. M. M. King, lbw., E. F. Fincher 0; J. H. Fox not out 12; Extras 16; Total 203 for 9 wickets dec.
Anderson 3 for 60; Baxter 8 for 83; E. F. Fincher 3 for 45.

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